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He Thanks God For His Conversion

Address By His Grace Mar Ivanios, Archbishop Of Bethany, On The Occasion Of The First Anniversary Of His Renunion With The Catholic Church

My Lord Archbishops,
Bishops and Rev. Fathers,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is no doubt a unique occasion that so many distinguished prelates of the Catholic Church are gathered here in the midst of an intensely schismatic population to take part in and bless our celebration of the 15th centenary of the Synod of Ephesus and the first anniversary of our Reunion. It is on account of my conviction that the truths proclaimed by the Synod of Ephesus have a fundamental bearing on the forces that operated to bring about our return to the Catholic Church, that these two celebrations have been combined. The Synod of Ephesus is a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, proclaiming to all the world the unassailable Dogmas of the Oneness of the Church's Faith and Creed, and the unique position of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, in the economy of the redemption of our fallen race, and the universally-accepted supremacy of the "Reesh-Patriarch", the "Rab-Patriarch" (the Head and Chief of the Patriarchs).

From early days, it was admitted on all hands that the successor of St. Peter in the See of Rome was the universal Bishop of the Church, and the Vicar of Christ upon earth. No man, sincerely believing in the Divine Maternity of our Lady and trusting in her guidance, can long remain outside the pale of the Catholic Church, where alone we have the unity of the faith.

Asked To Relate His Spiritual Experiences

In the course of your introductory remarks, Your Excellency announced that you expect me to speak of my spiritual experiences and of the heavenly graces bestowed upon me in the past. It is not without reluctance that I stand before this august assembly, and attempt to say a few words regarding the spiritual benefits, the good Lord vouchsafed to me. Today is a day of thanksgiving. For the last nine days, we have had several spiritual exercises intended to thank God for all His bountiful mercies in the past, and to prepare for the accomplishment of the stupendous task that lies before us—of bringing back into the True Fold the great schismatic population of this country. Our celebrations culminate this day under the distinguished presidentships of Your Excellencies the Archbishops of Verapoly and Ernakulam and with the kind co-operation of the illustrious Prelates present here.

It is by the wonderful guidance of the Holy Spirit that I found my way into the Catholic Church.

The Church of Christ is the ark of salvation for all mankind. It is the Kingdom of God founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, God-incarnate, as a visible society, unique in its fitness to comprise all nations, extending to all regions, enduring for all times. It is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. It is the Pillar and Ground of Truth. This society which Our Lord founded is One and Indivisible, Holy and Indefectible, Catholic and All-embracing, Apostolic and Historic. The center of the unity of this visible society is the institution of the Papacy, which Our Lord Himself founded, choosing St. Peter as the first Pope—the rock on which the superstructure was to be built in time to come.

Your Excellency, it took me over a quarter of a century to discover this truth, so plain and patent. I started life as a staunch Jacobite, believing and upholding absolutely and with all my heart, the tenets and traditions of the schismatic church. A study of the beginnings of Christianity led me to question the position of the Jacobite Church. It has valid Sacraments and Apostolic tradition. But I perceived that it did not possess the four marks of the True Church as defined in the Nicene Creed, which I recited day by day.

Says His Church Lacked Something

Besides, the Jacobite Church lacked something which seemed essential to the very frame-work of Christianity. I had to grope for a long time to discover that "Something." I looked about to find it in other communions, spending sleepless nights, praying to God for light. I made inquiries, and with a view to finding out the spirit of the different Oriental Churches, got into touch with several Theologians and Dignitaries of the Eastern Communions. But in none could I discover that "Something" which I was searching after. At last I was led by the Holy Spirit to perceive that that "Something" was the divinely established center of unity for the Church, namely, the Papacy. I perceived that the Papacy was not only the Rock, the foundation, but also the apex of the centralization of the church. "Attu Kipho. Al' Hode Kipho Ebne l'Eathu (Thou art cephas (Rock) and on this Cephas (Rock) I will build My Church.) St. Matthew xvi, 18. And when I realized this truth, I found that the Church which had the Pope as its head, possessed all the four marks as well.

Simultaneously with the above-said quest, I was making a humble effort to discipline myself in the Religious life, for which I had an irresistible craving from my childhood. But as Your Excellency is aware, there were no Religious Congregations in the Jacobite Church, and I had to think of finding out ways and means of satisfying my aspirations.

Study Of Religious Communities

My study of early Christianity helped me to appreciate the sanctity and beauty of the lives of men dedicated to God in the Religious life. I thought that the model of St. Basil, the great founder of organized monastic life in the East, would satisfy the aspirations of an Oriental mind; but I continued my study of the lives of other saints, both eastern and western. If I found St. Basil laying great stress upon Religious Chastity (interpreted widely) as the foundation of the monastic life, St. Francis of Assisi seemed pointing out to Holy Poverty as its basis, and St. Ignatius Loyola seemed teaching that Religious Obedience, which seems living in the closest possible union with God, enabling the perfect accomplishment of His Holy Will, was the be-all and end-all of the means of attaining perfection. St. Benedict, however, regarded Stability as so fundamental to the Religious state as to make it one of the four vows of Religions. And as if to crown all, came St. Francis de Sales, teaching that the sanctification of the common actions of every day life was indispensable to the attainment of sanctity in the Religious life—nay, in any life.

I felt myself drawn by special ties of admiration and veneration for these saints, and craved for the heavenly joy of communion with them. I found out that that joy was unattainable so long as I stayed away from *that* Church which had produced and nurtured them. From outside, I could only admire. But as my admiration grew into love, I decided to prostrate at their feet and implore them to obtain for me the Grace that I might become their own child and be in the fullest communion with them in the Mother Church. Your Excellency, this, briefly, is the story of my conversion.

Revealed His Mind To The Holy Father

Naturally, I took steps to inform the Holy See of the thirst of my soul to be received into the unity of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father, so full of solicitude for the return of the erring children, received me with open arms into the embrace of his loving bosom, recognizing the validity of my consecration, and keeping me in my office and jurisdiction, and graciously allowing me to remain in my own Rite. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Msgr. Mooney, the then Delegate Apostolic of the East Indies, was in Rome at about the time of my submission; and the Holy Father most benevolently sent a message to me and to all those who followed me into the Catholic Church, extending to us "A WELCOME, A BIG WELCOME." His Holiness graciously uttered these words in English. The Heart of our Lord beats in the heart of the Catholic Church, and the love of God is radiated through the love that subsists in her bosom. The affectionate embrace with which the Holy Father welcomed me is, no doubt, a symbol of the love that palpitates in the Sacred Heart of Our Blessed Lord. In this connection, I recall to mind with the deepest gratitude the great help rendered by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Msgr. Mooney, in facilitating our reception. I must say with no less gratitude that in His Excellency, the present Apostolic Delegate also, I have met with the same paternal regard and unbounded affection. God is glorified in his representatives upon earth.

The 20th of September, 1930, is a memorable day in my life. For, it was on that day I had the happiness of making my submission to the Vicar of Christ. I found that a void had been filled in my soul. This is the experience of others also. Since then, the merciful Lord deigned to use me and His Excellency, Mar Theophilos, as His humble instruments for bringing several of his erring children into the True Church. Schism is a horrible sin. It has inflicted many wounds in the Mystical Body of Our Lord Jesus. What a blessed privilege it is that the good Lord deigns to use us, unworthy as we are, to heal those wounds.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to thank publicly, on this occasion, Your Excellencies the Archbishops and Bishops of Malabar present here, as well as the Venerable Prelates of other parts of India, for so cordially welcoming us into the ranks of the Catholic hierarchy and for the helps, so readily rendered.

I must also thank the Religious and the secular clergy and the faithful for their great interest in our humble mission.

Let me, again, avail myself of this occasion to give expression to the sentiments of deep gratitude to the Venerable Prelates and the devout Catholics elsewhere also, who have in any way helped us.

Responsible For Many Other Conversions

Within the last 12 months 30 priests, 6 clerics, 2 Religious Congregations and over 3500 schismatics and about 300 pagans have come into the Church. Moreover, I have received about 200 petitions from congregations, large or small, from different parts of the country, praying that churches be erected and priests provided, to enable them to make their submission to the True Faith. About 170 of these are from the Jacobites and the remainder are from the Mar Thomites. For lack of funds, however, it has not been possible to meet their demands. But I am sure that in God's own time and way, the wherewithal will be provided for bringing our schismatic brethren and the pagans of this country into the True Fold of Christ.

But the fruits thus far gathered have not been obtained without suffering. At first the Jacobites refused to believe that the Holy See had recognized our Rite; and when they realized that it was really recognized and that the reunited Prelates were kept in their jurisdiction, they became very apprehensive about the future of their church, and began to use all kinds of means to prevent conversions to the Catholic Faith, and even started to persecute those who had come over to us. The poor Archbishop of Bethany was not left out either. On one occasion, while he was going on a mission tour, they hoisted a black flag, and they hooted him in several places.

Once fanatics stopped him and offered a bribe of Rs. 500—to the driver, for taking him across a precipice. The Archbishop on hearing this, remarked to his secretary, that they had valued his life at Rs. 500!

It is the faithful that had to suffer much persecution owing to the fact that the reunited are only a very small minority in the midst of a predominant schismatic population. The method of persecution took various forms, and one of them was social ostracism, attempted in many places. In this country, as Your Excellency knows, the barbers and the dhobies form separate professional castes, without whose services, life would be intolerable here. The fanatical Jacobites in one place devised the ingenious plan of forbidding the barber of a village to shave the converts. By shaving is meant, not shaving the face alone, but the head also, which is a common custom in this country. One morning the Archbishop was told that when a barber had half shaven one of his newly converted Catholics, a few fanatics snatched away the barber and the poor man was left in a very awkward predicament. The Archbishop at once sent word that he would himself complete the work left half-done by the barber. When this news spread in the village, there were no more practical jokes of this sort, and conversions have increased in that locality.

Your Excellency these little sufferings have wonderfully strengthened the Catholic cause, and I can assure you that every convert, man and woman, is now an enthusiastic missionary. The history of the Apostolic times is now being repeated on a humble scale in our midst. Our poverty and our sufferings have helped to bring down upon us great blessings from God.

Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen, do unite with us in chanting praises to God for all the wonderful mercies He has vouchsafed to us during the last one year. I beg of you to continue to pray for me and my brother Bishop Mar Theophilos, and for all the reunited, and for the conversion of all the schismatics and pagans of this country. We need the help of your prayers very, very much.

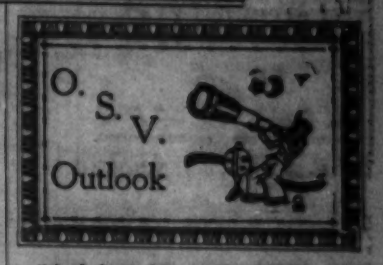
THE HOLY FATHER'S OWN AMERICAN SEMINARY

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, recently blessed the new buildings of the Pontifical College Josephinum and formally accepted them as the property of the Holy See. Above are shown the seminary wing, the administration building, and the college wing of the entirely new plant, erected ten miles north of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. F. A. Ludewig of St. Louis was the architect of the project, which was erected in the Flemish Renaissance style at a cost of $1,500,000.00. The new buildings have an expanse of approximately 700 feet, and a depth of almost 400 feet. The Josephinum, comprising the full twelve-year course of study for the priesthood, is represented by alumni in seventy dioceses of the United States. As a Pontifical institution it belongs directly to the Holy Father, a distinction shared by only two other seminaries in the world.

THERESA NEUMANN SERIES TO BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK

The series of articles dealing with Theresa Neumann is interrupted by the omission of this week's installment, but will be resumed in our next issue. The article is omitted this week because the editorial matter of this issue is devoted to but one subject.

The articles on the Mass and the Leaflet Missal will also be continued next week.



"And how his audit stands, who knows, save Heaven."—Shakespeare.

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One of the things difficult to explain is that most people are wholly incompetent to take a correct audit of their own spiritual business.

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It is customary even for men who operate a wordly business to invite an expert accountant from the outside to conduct an audit of their business.

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The purpose of an audit, of course, is to ascertain the status of the business, to find mistakes and weak spots if there have been any, to determine the value of invested securities, to take note of depreciation, etc.

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It is the same with the person who is ill physically. He seldom diagnoses his own case, even though he be a physician. The man who is not well, usually knows something about it, but he does not pretend to be his own judge nor his own physician.

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Strangely this same outside help is needed if one is expected to form a correct idea of his own spiritual condition. Those who are good advisers to others in a spiritual way often need spiritual guidance themselves. Everyone who has made a serious retreat will have learned the helpfulness of a probing on the part of another, if one's own true spiritual condition is to be discovered.

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In speaking of an audit at the close of the year, we are speaking of a spiritual audit, of an audit of your particular account with God. This year of business depression and gloom should have been a year rich in spiritual earnings, and therefore a happy year.

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But even Catholics, knowing so well how to earn for life everlasting, are influenced by the carelessness, indifference, and lack of spiritual guidance in those among whom they mingle. They forget about the spiritual realities in their quest for material realities.

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Faith teaches very clearly that our attitude should be quite the opposite; that we should hope to receive material realities by striving first for spiritual realities. Our first duty is to our God; our second duty is to our eternal interests; our third duty is to our material interests in this world. If we place the last first we are likely to have realized in us our Saviour's threat that in the order of our salvation we shall be last.

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In your audit this year strive to bring to account your spiritual condition so that you may be better prepared to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice", so that "all other things will be added unto you."

How A Convert Valued His Faith

Werner, the great German dramatist, at the age of forty-two became not only a Catholic, but a priest. His writings show he regarded the religion he embraced as the chief blessing of his life, and that he clung to it as the anchor of his soul. In reply to a rumor that he intended returning to Protestantism, he said: "It is as impossible that a soul in bliss should return into the grave, as that a man who, like me, after a life of error and search, has found the priceless jewel of truth, should, I will not say give up the same, but hesitate to sacrifice for it blood and life, nay, many things perhaps far dearer with joyful heart, when the one good cause is concerned."

Editorially Speaking

The Editorials appearing in this column are written or selected by the Diocesan Editor.

(Editor's Note.—Here is a comment, from the Religious Bulletin of Notre Dame University, upon a bit of scientific dogmatism. The incident itself is insignificant, but it is only one of many. Father O'Hara's analysis and comment can well be applied to much of the supposed scientific stuff daily broadcast in many popular newspapers.)

A DUMMY BETWEEN TWO MUMMIES.

We dislike to take Dr. Breasted to task. His age, his years of hard work in the field of archeology, and the very dignity of his profession demand respect. But he has gone beyond the range of decency in his recent utterances at the dedication of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, and his impertinence should not pass unrebuked. We take it that he was quoted correctly in the papers; a week has passed since his speech was reported and no letter of correction has appeared. The offensive passage reads:

"Not projected from the outside into a world of unworthy men by some mystic process which our old school theologians call inspiration or revelation, but springing out of man's own life, illumining the darkness of social disillusionment and inner conflict, a glorious vindication of the worth of man, the dawn of the age of conscience and character broke upon the world, a historically datable event, about 2,000 B. C."

To illustrate his thesis (or perhaps to prove it—for he gives no other evidence to save himself from the charge of gratuitous assumption) he cites two exhibits. One is a collection of painted limestone figures taken from the tomb of a cemetery official of 5,000 years ago; they represent his household "engaged in grinding flour, mixing and making bread, brewing beer, slaughtering cattle and poultry and cooking them," and so forth. The other is an inscription inside a coffin "containing the earliest intimations that happiness in the next world will be dependent on worthy moral conduct in this world." He dates the mummy of this coffin perhaps 500 years later than the cemetery official. Then he adds:

"Today you may walk between these two cases in the museum and, standing there, contemplate the original evidences, the actual tokens of the supreme transition in the life of man in its rise from savagery to civilization; the first defeat of materialism—the earliest dawn of conscience, the discovery of character, the emergence of social idealism. This tremendous transition went on as a process entirely independent of religion. It transformed religion, however, for it brought forth for the first time a god of brotherly kindness. While men lived as tillers of the soil they discerned only a god of fertility; when the state arose and men caught their first vision of a supreme personality they called their god a king. Then when society developed and the friction and ferment of social struggle had taught men kindness and forbearance, they saw a god of character and of brotherly kindness whom they called 'the good shepherd,' two thousand years before the Good Shepherd of Christian faith."

By that same process of reasoning we can prove that Herbert Hoover never existed. Let us suppose a scene in the Attic Archeological Congress of A. D. 6,931. Dr. Procopius Pretzelbender has just read his paper on President Hoover and the Moratorium of 1931. He is receiving the plaudits of his learned colleagues when Dr. Adolphus Windbag arises, gravely adjusts his spectacles, and announces: "It hurts me more than it hurts Dr. Pretzelbender, but I must denounce him as a fraud. There was never such a man as Herbert Hoover. I have here a cook book of the year 1931, and I find in it not a single mention of Herbert Hoover, not so much as a fried chicken, a cocktail, or a leaf of lettuce named for him."

Dr. Breasted and his fellow-agnostics have spent millions of dollars excavating in Africa and the Levant in a vain attempt to disprove the historical character of the Scriptures. What they have succeeded in doing is to confirm, bit by bit, the claims of the Bible to authenticity. Dr. Breasted's own collection will confirm the language, the topography, the geography of the Mosaic account. Was Moses deceived? The thought is impossible if you read his account attentively. Could he have deceived the Jews? Could he have had a motive for so doing? Impossible. And Moses tells us where the soul began and where character began. God lets people make fools of themselves when they are too wrapped in their own conceit. Dr. Breasted should stick to his shovel and let clearer heads interpret the mummies he unearths.

Dying Policeman Asks Brother, A Priest, To Pray For Man He Slew

San Francisco.—"Father, please say a prayer for the man I shot."

Near death from bullet wounds and preparing to receive the Last Sacraments from his brother, a priest, Police Officer William Manning, 25, made this plea for the bandit he had killed.

The dead bandit was George Rankin, alias George Purcell, a former street car conductor.

Dr. George K. Rhodes, assistant chief of the emergency hospital service, operated on the policeman just after his brother, Father Joseph Manning, had administered the last rites.

Boys Defending Faith As Outdoor Speakers

London—Nine boys still attending Preston Catholic College have been granted certificates authorizing them to speak from the street-corner platform of the Catholic Evidence Guild. Some of them have already made several public appearances.

The certificates, which are awarded only after examination, gave permission to speak only on the subjects covered by the examination. In this way the Guild maintains the standard of its speakers.

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Fort Wayne Brevities

—"The Call," a play written by the Rev. Francis A. Sheridan, Fort Wayne, and given here with considerable success by the Catholic Community Center Players, has been patronized by large audiences for several weeks in Chatham, Ontario. A company is now being organized to present the play in Paincourt, Canada.

—Election of officers in the Blessed Virgin Sodality, St. John the Baptist parish, Fort Wayne, was conducted on Sunday, resulting as follows: Miss Caroline Holz, president; Miss Mary Angela Berkey, vice-president; Miss Irene Cron, secretary; Miss Mary Nolan, treasurer.

—The ladies of the Rosary Society of St. Patrick's church, Arcola, will serve an oyster supper in the parish auditorium at 6:00 p. m., Wednesday, December 30, to which the public is invited. There will also be a bingo stand on which poultry and other prizes will be awarded.

—Frank Hohl, 39, a well known resident of Waterloo and a brother-in-law of the Rev. John A. Papp, pastor of St. Jude's church, Fort Wayne, died December 8 at his home, following an extended period of ill health. He was a member of St. Michael's church, Summit, and the Holy Name Society. He is survived by the wife and four children; one sister, Miss [illegible] Hohl of Fort Wayne. The funeral was held from St. Michael's church, where solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Father Papp. He was assisted by the Rev. Alfred Reintz, Fort Wayne; the Rev. John A. Bapst, Bluffton; the Rev. Theodore V. Fettig, Monroeville; and the Rev. Gustave Hottenroth, pastor.

—As the result of an outbreak of mumps and colds at St. Vincent's Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, the annual Christmas entertainment scheduled for Sunday, December 20, was postponed until the recovery of the children. Sister Rigoberta, superior of the Poor Handmaids in charge of the institution, has secured January 3 as a tentative date at the Community Center for the program.

—A novel holiday social function is scheduled in Fort Wayne on Wednesday night, December 30, when a grand mid-winter snowball frolic will be held at the Catholic Community Center auditorium. An immense cotton snowball will be the center decoration, the arrangement including smaller snowballs and icicles. Beginning at 9:00 o'clock Ross Franklin's "Waco" orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

Preceding the dance a number of dinner parties will be served in the private dining room of the Center at hours arranged for by the various groups. The dance is open to the public and indications are that it will be largely patronized.

—Funeral services for J. Edmund Landgraf, 23, of 2822 Lillie street, Fort Wayne, who died at St. Joseph's hospital at 12:45 o'clock Thursday morning, were held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. Peter's church, the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector, officiating. Mr. Landgraf, who had been ill about six months, was employed by Kuhne & Company, abstractors, for the last six years. He was born and reared in Fort Wayne, received his education at St. Peter's school, was a member of St. Peter's church, the Holy Name Society, Sacred Heart League and the parish choir. Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Amelia Landgraf; a brother, Carl; and two sisters, Misses Marie and Cecilia Landgraf, all at home. The father, John Landgraf, died several years ago.

—Miss Alice Christle, 71, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of a nephew, Thomas Christle, 2245 Piqua Ave., Fort Wayne, after an illness of about six weeks. Her death was the result of a heart attack. Miss Christle made her home here and was employed at the Indiana State school. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Victory Circle No. 246, Daughters of Isabella. Surviving are two brothers, Edward Christle of Wabash and Thomas Christle of Urbana, and several nieces and nephews. The body was removed to Lagro, where funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's church followed by interment in the Catholic cemetery.

—Annual election of officers in the Precious Blood Parish Athletic Association, Fort Wayne, resulted as follows: Jerome Kohrman, president, re-elected; William Schenkel, vice-president, re-elected; Clarence Wyatt, recording secretary; Vincent Murphy, financial secretary; C. J. Sterling, treasurer, were re-elected.

—Featured by the annual election of officers and an address by the Rev. George A. Hasser, rector of St. Mary's church, Fort Wayne, the quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society of the parish was held Thursday night, December 17, in the school assembly room. George M. Deininger, who successfully served two terms as president, declined re-election and was succeeded by Gregory Lauer. Joseph C. Smith is the new vice-president; Lawrence J. Lauer, secretary; Herbert Wunderlin, treasurer, were returned to office. Louis Schirmeyer and John Hartman, consultors, were re-elected; August Lampke and Edward F. Parrot are the newly-elected consultors. Attendance at the meeting was the largest of the year.

—Members of St. Catherine's social service unit, Fort Wayne, of which Miss Catherine Noll is chairman, attended a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. J. Roussey, 1606 Maumee Ave. It was also the occasion of the birthday of Mrs. Roussey, who was presented a gift. The table was appropriately decorated with silver and red poinsettias and candles in crystal holders. Christmas gifts were exchanged and contests appropriate to the season enjoyed.

A food shower was also conducted for the Christmas baskets for the needy. Mrs. John Doyle and Miss Margaret Logan won the contest prizes and Mrs. Adolph Venderley the attendance prize. In the card games, Mrs. Clem Hartman and Julian Romary received the awards for pinochle; Mrs. Thomas Butler and Mrs. Weaver for euchre; Mrs. O. R. Schafer and Mrs. Frank Kendzierski for bunco.

Orphan Guild Will Give Party At St. Vincent's Dec. 27

Under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Klotz, president, plans have been completed by the Catholic Orphans' Guild, Fort Wayne, for a Christmas exchange party for the orphans at St. Vincent's home Sunday afternoon, December 27th. The social affair will be held at 2:30 o'clock and includes a special program of entertainment; also a program by the orphans, community singing of Christmas carols, distribution of gifts and exchanges.

Mrs. Chester Pearson, chairman, and Miss Catherine Cunningham, vice-chairman, will be assisted by the following committees: Mrs. Frank Kramer, Mrs. James McBennett, Mrs. Albert Moran, Mrs. Will Cunningham, Mrs. Clem Schiefer, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. M. R. Kithcart, Mrs. C. O. Sweeney, Mrs. Anna Guillaume, Mrs. Adele Casterline, Mrs. Joseph Ehinger, Mrs. Fred Mennewisch, Mrs. John Charles, Mrs. Chester Grout, Mrs. John Dietsch, Mrs. Lawrence Strebig, Mrs. Dora Robison, Mrs. Frank Venderley, Mrs. Clementine Townley, Mrs. J. E. Reidt, Mrs. Irene Sorgen, Mrs. Frank Koch, Mrs. John Gire, Miss Laura Rekers, Miss Evelyn Rekers, Miss Gertrude O'Connor, Miss Anna Scollard and Miss Eleanor Plock.

The special entertainers' program is announced as follows:

Readings: "The Night Ma Heard the Burglar" and "I've Gat the Mumps," Virginia Delagrange.

Vocal Solos: "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," "When I Was Seventeen," "Bon Jour, Mabelle," Helen Junk, vocalist, Luella Junk, accompanist.

Readings: "The Legend of the Christmas Rose" and "Humanity," by James Poinsatte.

Dance Numbers: Helen Webber.

Readings: "Pa Did It" and "Do Doctors Know?" Charles Poinsatte.

Vocal Selections: "Blue Kentucky Moon," "Good Night, Sweetheart," by Donald Ehinger.

Readings: "Santa Claus Proof" and "The Star," Maurice Ehinger.

Songs and readings will be given by a group of the children of St. Vincent's Home.

In response to their letters to the Guild, each child will receive a useful gift that she wanted for another orphan and as a result they will have their initial Christmas exchange party. Candy, popcorn, cookies and balloons will also be distributed. Christmas carols will be sung and a social time enjoyed. Presentation of a substantial check to make purchases for the orphans will be given Sister Rigoberta, the superior of the Poor Handmaids of Christ, by the Catholic Orphans' Guild. A beautiful Christmas tree will be provided for the party and Santa Claus will distribute the gifts.

Sodality Meeting Featured By Debate

An address by the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector and spiritual adviser, and a debate in which six young ladies took part, featured the December meeting of the Blessed Virgin Sodality of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception held Monday night at the Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne. The meeting was one of the largest of the season. Miss Alice Perrey, president, was in charge and Miss Genevieve Henry supplied as secretary; also as chairman of the debate.

Father Conroy, Miss Perrey and Miss Ida Wissman were the judges. The question proposed was: "Resolved That Men Have More Brains Than Women." Miss Geraldine Zuber, who arranged the program, Miss Virginia Litot and Miss Harriet Monnot staunchly defended the affirmative. The negative was sustained by Geraldine Felte, Phyllis Coates and Clara Riegel, who won the debate. Miss Agnes Bressen will have charge of the meeting Tuesday night, December 19th.

The Sodalists decided to send a Christmas present to the Rev. John F. Nadolny of the Cathedral, who is confined to St. Anthony's hospital, Michigan City, as the result of spinal injuries sustained in an auto mishap. Several of the Sodalists volunteered to visit monthly the Catholic girls at Irene Byron sanatorium north of the city.

Nurses Give Annual Christmas Festivity

Student nurses of St. Joseph's Nurses' Training School, Fort Wayne, held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the nurses' home. A novel entertainment was arranged by the committee in charge of the party. There was a gift exchange and the toys later given to the children at St. Joseph's hospital. Santa Claus presented the gifts at the party. Games were played and a luncheon served. More than one hundred student nurses participated in the festivity.

Miss Audrey Robinson, president of the Senior class, Miss Helen Hennegan, secretary, Miss Marguerite Kiefer, president of the intermediate class, and Miss Iris Venderley, president of the Junior class, were in charge of arrangements.

Members of St. Joseph's Nurses' Alumnae Association gave a similar party at the nurses' home on Tuesday night.

First Holy Communion At Sacred Heart A.

One of the happiest and most memorable days at Sacred Heart Academy was the First Holy Communion Day, December 10, of three of its boys, Richard Neeson, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Simons, Lima, Ohio, and Robert Keller, of Fort Wayne.

The impressive event took place in the Academy chapel, the altars of which were artistically decorated with white carnations, snapdragons, and ferns. The Mass, celebrated by the chaplain, the Reverend J. E. Dillon, was attended by many friends and relatives of the communicants. During the Mass, the boys' choir sang appropriate hymns; benediction followed. Immediately following the ceremony, breakfast was served to the boys and their guests.

Fun and entertainment opened the Christmas season at the Academy Sunday afternoon, December 20. Amid a blaze of colored lights, festive decorations and a pretty Christmas tree, the lads entertained an assembly hall filled with enthusiastic guests with a delightful Christmas program. Besides the piano solos, choruses, and recitations, the principal feature of the program was a two-act play entitled "Birthday of the Divine Child," a mission play which met with a hearty applause.

As a grand finale, Santa Claus appeared on the stage and humorously distributed boxes of candy and crackerjack to all the boys and girls in the audience.

The vacation days at Sacred Heart begin Tuesday afternoon and will close January 6.

875 Children Attend Party At St. Peter's

Approximately 875 children attended the annual Christmas party for the pupils of St. Peter's school, Fort Wayne, Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium. The party opened with a selection by the school orchestra recently organized by Prof. William M. Hammond, parish organist. Under the direction of the Rev. Carl Holsinger, a one-act play, "A Christmas Dream," was presented by the "Charlonians," the young people's club of the parish. Members of the cast included: Colette Mettler, Genevieve Alt, Jerome Manett, John Rodermund, Jerome Moser, Norbert Klingenberger, Frank Hahn and Victor Becker. In behalf of the children Herbert Jones thanked the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector of St. Peter's, and all who contributed to the success of the party. Msgr. Thiele in his address on the festive occasion commented on "The Feast of the Nativity" and its significance.

At the close of the program the students were each presented with a sack containing candy, nuts and a small toy Coco Cola also was furnished through the courtesy of the company. The orchestra favored with several selections during and after the party. The play given by the "Charlonians" was presented on Monday night at the Christmas gift exchange party sponsored by St. Agnes' Young Ladies' Sodality and on Tuesday night at the fortnightly meeting and gift exchange party of the club.

Friends Honor Priest At Christmas Party

Honoring the Rev. Francis A. Sheridan, a group of sixty friends entertained with an enjoyable Christmas party on the mezzanine floor of the Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne, on Thursday night, December 17. Games, dancing and a gift exchange featured the evening's program. The rooms were decorated with Christmas trees and other holiday appointments. An orchestrope provided music. Supper was served at a long table where red and green favors marked the places of the guests. Tall red Christmas tapers illuminated the table.

Father Sheridan was the recipient of an elaborate gift from the guests preceding their gift exchange. The committee in charge of the affair was formed by Edward Horstmann, Alice Friend, Lucille and Clementine Parnin, Meredith Scallan, Robert Waltz, Patrick Cain and Loretto Martin.

St. Patrick's Parish Elections Announced

As a result of the annual election of officers in St. Patrick's parish branch of the Holy Name Society, Fort Wayne, Timothy J. Costello was elected president; Lawrence Mullen, secretary; Robert Muldoon, treasurer.

Members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality received Holy Communion Sunday morning at the 8:00 o'clock Mass and later held a breakfast meeting in St. Patrick's lyceum. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney, rector of St. Patrick's, addressed the assembly. Miss Alice O'Reilly was returned as president; Miss Anna Danehy was elected vice-president; Miss Esther Becker, secretary; Miss Ella Hartnett, treasurer. The consultors named are: Miss Anna McCarthy, Miss Mary Gilmartin, Miss Irene Gordon, Miss Helen Haefling and Miss Teresa Becquette.

Holy Name Election In Cathedral Parish

As a result of the annual election of officers in the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Pat J. Cain was honored as president at the December meeting. Clarence Pion, vice-president; Ervin Schlebecker, financial secretary; Clarence Moulin, recording secretary; Louis J. Voors, treasurer, were returned to office. Banner bearer, librarian, sacristan, two marshals and five consultors will be appointed by the president at the January meeting, when the installation will be conducted by the spiritual adviser, the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector.

Orphans Provided Gifts By K. of C.

In consonance with their annual program of providing gifts for the children of St. Vincent's Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, members of the local Council Knights of Columbus brought their presents to the meeting Monday night. Taken charge of by a special committee, they were later delivered at the orphanage for distribution on Christmas Eve.

Musical Play Given At Cathedral Gym

Arranged by St. Augustine's Academy Musical Society, Fort Wayne, "The Christmas Gimme," a play in which Mary Jane Griebel essayed the popular role of Santa Claus, was presented Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Cathedral school gym, Fort Wayne. "The Troublesome Christmas Present" was played by a number of the students and Christmas carols sung by the Academy glee club.

The cast of characters in the latter production was as follows: Mrs. Price, Ann Abbott; Aunt Ann, Betty J. Peil; Nancy Price, Loretta Temple; Gwendolyn Price, Mary Jane Hilker; Martha, the maid, Mary E. Mettler.

Players in "The Christmas Gimme" included: Evelyn Ley, Daisy Brown, Elizabeth Radu, Mary P. Wendt, Frances Wendt, Marjorie Krock, Mary J. Hilker, Beatrice Benant, Dolores Braun, Angela Dyk, Josephine Balsamo, Lucille Horn, Lucille Boxberger and Eileen Scallan.

Plan For Support Of Church In Spain Is Well Received

Madrid—The Spanish Hierarchy have published a collective Pastoral Letter with a view to bettering the financial status of the Church in Spain, which faces difficulties because of the reduction of State allocations of money for religious purposes below the amount agreed upon by the Concordat, and the prospective complete suppression of these allocations.

The Pastoral has made a good impression upon the faithful, who, to tell the truth, were awaiting it, since they knew the conditions of many priests in the cities and towns.

The Catholic press has made ample comment and stressed the serious obligations of the moment for the Church and her ministry. There is noted a definite spiritual movement: a fervent and decided approval of the opinion of the prelates. These see injustice in the attitude of a State that has seized property unjustly and then refuses to meet its just debts. The Catholics, however, favor a free Church, administered separately from the State. The clergy will cease to be functionaries of the State, a situation that has contributed to the indifference of the people, it is felt by many.

Pope See Harmony Growing Between Religion, Sciences

Vatican City.—Pope Pius said harmony between religion and science was "ever more luminously" confirmed by each new scientific conquest. He spoke at the beginning of a new year for the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, where he conferred awards for scientific works.

The radio was used as an illustration in his remarks and he spoke in a friendly manner of Guglielmo Marconi, mentioning the recent thirtieth anniversary of the first reception of trans-Atlantic wireless signals.

Pope Pius also referred to the opening early this year of the Vatican City radio station which Marconi built and his broadcast which was heard around the world. This work, the Pope added, was "crowned by the publication of a radiophonic newspaper" in periodical broadcasts from the station which the scientific world, he said, appreciated.

"This," said the Pontiff, "was a new demonstration of the harmony between science and religion that each fresh conquest of science ever more luminously confirms, so that one may say that those who speak of the incompatibility of science and religion either make science say that which it never said or make religion say that which it never taught."

THE USUAL JOISTS

Frosh: "What keeps the moon from falling?"

Another Dumbell: "It must be the beams."—The R. O. T. C. Shield.

Jones: "I'm very sorry, old man, but my hen got loose and scratched up your flower bed."

Smith: "That's all right. As a matter of fact my dog ate your hen."

Jones: "Fine! I've just run over your dog with my car."

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Non-Catholics say that the [wo]rd "rock" means faith in the [pa]ssage: "Upon this rock I will [bui]ld my church." What is our [an]swer?

In Matt. xvi. 18, the word [RO]CK refers to Peter as many [fa]ir-minded Protestant commen[ta]tors admit: Alford, Bloomfield, [...]ll, Mansel, Marsh, Rosemuel[le]r, Seifert, Thompson, Weiss [an]d others. Thompson of Glas[go]w in his Monatesseron, 194, [sa]ys, "Peter was the Rock upon [wh]ich Christ said His Church [sh]ould be built. To this the scope [an]d connection of the passage [ag]ree. There seems to be some[th]ing forced in every other con[st]ruction. . . . Protestants have [be]trayed unnecessary fears, and [ha]ve therefore, used all the [ha]rdihood of lawless criticism in [th]eir attempts to reason away [th]e Catholic interpretation."

The early Fathers of the [C]hurch often speak of Peter as [th]e Rock. Tertullian writes, "Peter, who is called the Rock [w]hereon the Church was to be [b]uilt, and who obtained the keys [of] the Kingdom of Heaven." St. [C]yprian: "Peter whom the Lord [ch]ose as first, and upon whom [H]e built His Church."

The term used by our Lord to [n]ame Peter is the same as the [te]rm used to designate Rock.

Is there a difference in mean[in]g in the translation as in the [K]ing James and Douay versions [o]f the Bible, Acts, Chap. 28, v. [3]1, the former reading, "no man [f]orbidding", the latter, "without [p]rohibition"?

The difference in translating [t]he last sentence of the Acts ex[is]ting in the Douay and King [J]ames' Versions is a matter of [g]rammatical construction only. [T]he rendition of the Douay "without prohibition" is a very [c]lose translation of the Greek [w]ord meaning unhindered.

Is palmistry, or the so-called science of palm-reading, a form of superstition?

Assuredly it is.

In explanation we could not offer a better reply than that given sometime ago by the editor of the BOMBAY EXAMINER, who wrote:

As regards palmistry itself, I wonder whether any one really believes in it, unless he is very far gone in superstition of all other sorts as well. The most rudimentary common-sense must realize that the folds in the palm are a result of a purely physical arrangement of matter, just as the crumples of a piece of paper would be if I were to crush it carelessly in my hand. No one could possibly imagine that the mere form and direction of these creases would cause future events, e. g., that I should die of cholera at the age of 69, or that a girl should find her sweetheart treacherous at the age of 18. But the question is: might not those creases be at least a sign; a sort of anticipative record, written in symbolic shapes and directions of lines which certain clever persons can read, just as they could read a manuscript book?

If so, those signs must have been produced by some intelligent agent, arranging the matter of the skin, even before birth, in accordance with a knowledge of the future which that agent possessed in his mind, and which he wished to convey to those among mankind who could hit on the secret of the cypher or code.

Adopting this extremely improbable assumption, who could the agent be? It could either be God, the Creator and Shaper of the universe, or some lower being who possessed supreme control over the arrangement of atoms and molecules, and could operate on all human beings during their formation in the womb, so as to shape each palm differently in accordance with the message to be embodied. As human infants are being produced by thousands every hour, all over the world, it would require a strange ubiquitousness of the agent, or a vast number of sub-agents, to perform the operation in so many places at the same time. In the most attenuated abstract, such a thing would be possible to the transcendental mind and power of God; but it is difficult to imagine such a multiplex and subtle work being deputed by God to swarms of sub-agents, all inspired with the detailed knowledge of the future of each and every baby that was in a state of embryo-growth.

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Catechism Of Christian Doctrine

By Rev. C. M. WINTERS, Lansing, Mich.

THE HOLY TRINITY

How many Persons are there in God?

In God there are three Divine Persons.

Name the three Divine Persons.

The First Person is God the Father.
The Second Person is God the Son.
The Third Person is God the Holy Ghost.

Are there not, therefore, three Gods?

The three Divine Persons constitute but one God.

Is not this the same as saying that three are one?

No. The Divine Persons are three, but the Divine nature is one. What is three from one point of view is one from other points of view.

Are all three Divine Persons distinct from one another?

All three Divine Persons are distinct from one another.

Are all three Divine Persons equal?

All three Divine Persons are equal in every respect.

Can I understand how there are three Divine Persons in one God?

It can not be understood, because God cannot be understood by us.

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WOODEN SPOIL

By Victor Rousseau

SYNOPSIS

Hilary Askew, a young American forester, inherits a tract of timber land in Canada from his uncle, and when he goes to claim his inheritance finds that Mr. Morris and Mr. Brousseau, the men whom his uncle had employed, are unfriendly toward him. They wish to buy the land from him, at a very low price, but he refuses. Arriving at his lumber camp he meets Lafe Connell, foreman, whom he likes and trusts.

On a tour of his lumber camp Hilary finds evidence of future trouble with two lumbermen, Black Pierre and Leblanc, henchmen of Brousseau and Morris. He also meets Father Lucien in whom he finds an ally. Morris is found to be dishonest, and Hilary asks for his resignation. On leaving the office Morris tells the men that they are discharged. Hilary sees Lafe leaving, but brings him back to the camp. Mr. Rosny, the seigneur, accuses Hilary of breaking the terms of his lease. He tries to reason with Mr. Rosny, but he refuses to listen.

Hilary finds Pierre on his land and a fight ensues in which the former overcomes his opponent. Brousseau visits the office and threatens Askew.

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CHAPTER XIII
BROUSSEAU DECLARES WAR

"War's declared," said Hilary to himself, with relief, as he settled himself in his chair.

War was declared, and Hilary suspected that Brousseau was already upon the war-path when, half an hour later, he saw the buggy whirl past the office again. Madeleine Rosny had driven Brousseau from the Chateau in the direction of Ste. Marie, and there was no reason why he should be returning with her unless he had already been planning mischief. The buggy crossed the bridge and proceeded up the river road.

Hilary talked the matter over with Lafe later in the day. "If we can get a good shipment out before the Gulf closes," he said, "we can carry on till spring. But of course we can't haul timber out of the woods until there's several feet of snow on the ground."

"And that won't be until navigation's ended for the year," said Lafe.

"So I'm going to put through the mill every cord of lumber in the river," continued Hilary. "We'll keep Dupont busy. And we'll wind up the year with a substantial balance to our credit."

"The Ste. Marie lumber," mused Lafe.

"I guess they call it so. But I believe it's all ours. We've got the whip hand on Brousseau there, because it's our mill, and Dupont's independent of Brousseau. Brousseau can't stop me using that lumber, and he daren't go to law about it."

Lafe approved the scheme, with warnings to Hilary about going slow. They went up to the dam and looked over the logs in the river. Riviere Rocheuse was packed as far as the eye could reach. The sight raised Hilary's spirits. There must be thousands of dollars' worth of lumber in between the high banks, ready to be passed through the rossing mill for Dupont's schooner.

Lafe came to him a little later.

"The logs in the dam are going into the mill all right," he said, "but they ain't coming down-stream above it. Baptiste says there's a jam in the gorge."

They got the rig and drove to the spot. Below the gorge the logs were floating freely down Riviere Rocheuse and the cogged gear was carrying them up to the flume. But at the gorge was a solid wall of logs, packed like the straw coverings of wine-bottles. The starting of the logs had wedged them together here.

Out in mid-stream, straddling the logs and balancing themselves above the rushing torrent the polemen were trying to start the packed masses with their gaffs. Somewhere in that wooden rampart was the key-log, dislodging which would put the whole mass in motion; but it was impossible to locate it. The face of the river was solid from side to side of the gorge to a height of twenty feet.

Above the narrows the roaring stream was bringing down more logs, swelling the barricade. If the wall gave suddenly the polemen would be swept to immediate death. Hilary decided to call them off.

They came reluctantly, for the lumberman is fearless of danger from water or tree. It was clear, however, that it would be necessary to start the mass with dynamite.

"I guess that's the trick," said Lafe. "Baptiste here is an expert dynamiter."

"Yes, that shift him quick," said Jean-Marie. "Mighty quick, maybe. I think, Mr. Askew, it is better first to make stronger your boom, or else your lumber go over the rapids into the Gulf."

"How long will it take?" asked Hilary.

"A week, maybe, for good work. That boom, he will never stand so many logs as that, Mr. Askew."

"Get a gang to work at daybreak tomorrow," Hilary instructed him.

That night Hilary congratulated himself on having started his counter-offensive against Brousseau. In spite of the man's influence in the district, he felt assured of the loyalty of the bulk of his men. Lafe was worth a hundred, and little Baptiste knew his job perfectly. He went to bed in high spirits.

He was on his way to the dam next morning when a buggy came dashing down the road toward him and pulled up sharply. Inside were Brousseau and Morris. The former seemed inarticulate with rage; he stuttered incoherently and tried to leap out when he saw Hilary, but Morris restrained him.

"Mr. Askew," said the ex-manager suavely, "you are doing the most foolish thing that you've ever done in your life. Now, are you willing to listen to reason or are you not?"

"If you mean am I willing to sell—no," said Hilary.

"That's off the mark, Mr. Askew. Mr. Brousseau wouldn't buy after the way you've treated him. It's this: you're planning to take the Ste. Marie logs, ain't you? That's theft, pure and simple. Do you suppose you can come up here and put across a trick like that?"

"I'll hold you there, Morris," answered Hilary. "Where is the lumber that Leblanc and his men cut last winter? It hasn't gone through the mill."

"It's stacked somewhere, I suppose," growled Morris. "I ain't responsible for Leblanc's way of running his business. The trouble is, Mr. Askew, you try to make your American ideas work up here, when they won't, and you don't understand conditions at all."

"I understand a rogue when I see him, whether he's American or Canadian," said Hilary hotly.

"Now, come, Mr. Askew," protested Morris suavely. "It's natural that you should feel sore when you find that your plans and ideas won't work. You thought you could run the business after the American pattern. But you can't, and you're making a hash of it. There have been misunderstandings, but Mr. Brousseau doesn't bear hard feelings—"

"The devil I don't!" yelled Brousseau, trying again to leap out of the vehicle.

"And might agree to let bygones be bygones," continued Morris, not at all disturbed by the interruption, "with all cards on the table, with a view to making a clean sweep and amalgamating the two concerns."

The words of the smooth thief were too much for Hilary.

"You cheating scamp!" he shouted, advancing upon him with an intent so manifestly hostile that Morris grabbed the whip, lashed the horse, and whirled past him, nearly knocking him down, while Brousseau, who was at any rate no coward, tried to leap out and get at Hilary. It struck Hilary as comical afterwards when he remembered Morris clinging to Brousseau and using all the weight of his fat body to keep him in his seat, while he lashed the horse wildly to get into safer quarters.

But at the time Hilary could hardly keep himself from running after the buggy, while Brousseau continued shouting and catching at the reins until the vehicle was out of sight.

When it had disappeared the cold fit came upon Hilary. He was getting a reputation as a fighting man, and this was the last thing he desired.

It was not only impolitic, but it would prove fatal if ever he were attacked and injured. With such a reputation he could count on the protection of no court in the Province.

Lafe—slow, wise, far-seeing, cynical Lafe, who had warned him from the first to be cautious, shook his head when he heard of this latest exploit.

The next morning Brousseau struck his first blow. Hilary had just ordered the rig to drive over to Leblanc's lease and try to stop the operations about the Chateau when Leblanc appeared in the office, accompanied by four ruffians whom Hilary recognized as the sub-jobbers.

"Well, Leblanc?" asked Hilary.

"What's this I hear you make complaint about my work?" Leblanc demanded.

"You've been cutting round the Chateau, Leblanc, and you'll have to stop it," said Hilary. "You knew you were not supposed to cut there."

"Ain't I got right to cut on my own lease?" demanded the jobber truculently.

"Maybe you have, but anyway you aren't going to cut round the Chateau."

"You think so?" asked Leblanc insolently. "All right. You find another boss jobber. Maybe you find one in September what couldn't get a job for next winter, you are so clever. I don't know. For me, I go to work for Monsieur Morris at Ste. Marie."

"So that's your game, Leblanc! How about that contract?"

"That's all right. But if I don't pay on January first, the contract is no good. That was your words, which you wrote down. Well, I keep the lease if you like, Monsieur Askew, and I cut where I like, or I don't pay one cent. And these men say they go wherever I go. They won't work for you if I go, because you thrash Black Pierre. They ain't dogs, they're men, and they got families. They don't stand for no beating with fists. Maybe you change your mind about the cutting?"

"Go to the devil!" shouted Hilary.

"Maybe you like to beat these men now, eh?" sneered Leblanc. "No? All right. You find other boss jobber and little jobbers, Monsieur Askew."

He clapped on his hat, and, as if they had rehearsed the scene, the four ruffians followed Leblanc in solemn and triumphant parade across the floor and out of the office.

This was first blood with a vengeance. Leblanc's lease was a necessity; it meant money, and money just when his capital would be exhausted. It was essential to sub-lease the tract to some one else. But there was no one in St. Boniface capable of assuming charge of such a contract. The habitants had no heads for business and no money to invest. All that was paid out in wages flowed back to the store, owned by the Ste. Marie Company, and to the Ste. Marie saloons. Ste. Marie was bleeding St. Boniface white in every way.

Filled with resentment, Hilary countermanded the order for the rig and walked up by the mill. The logs were ascending the toothed gear one by one, and the same melancholy procession, stripped snow-white, was descending from the rossing room along the flume to swell the increasing pile beside the wharf.

Hilary's nerves were raw and quivering as he reached the end of the strip of land where Rocky River pours into the Gulf below. The whistle blew, and he turned toward St. Boniface and stopped, watching the mob of men emerging from the mill.

How far could he count on them? To the last penny, perhaps, and literally. Their jobs would hold them to him in spite of Brousseau, just so long as their wages were forthcoming. Probably nine-tenths of them resented his presence in their country. His victory over Black Pierre had raised him in their estimation; they might hate him instead of despising him, but that was all. He could count on the devotion and faithfulness of perhaps one man besides Lafe Connell—little Baptiste.

The gang was hard at work below the dam, strengthening the structure of the boom. Riviere Rocheuse, pouring down from the foothills of the Laurentians, speeds with great force through the gorge above St. Boniface, widens opposite the settlement, and, gathering its waters there, shoots straight as a dart over the broken cliff into the Gulf.

It was between this cataract and the gorge, at the wider part of the stream, that the concrete dam had been constructed, holding back the force of the river, and admitting it by degrees into the lake below, filled with logs. Beneath the lake was the wooden boom, which kept back the logs from the cataract below and diverted them up to the flume, toward the cogged chain which caught them and guided them into the flume water, which ran through the rossing mill.

If, when the jam was broken, the pressure of the great mass of logs proved too strong for the boom, instead of passing into the flume they would pour over the cataract into the St. Lawrence, where their retrieval would be impossible. Such an accident had happened on a small scale once before. If it should happen now the loss would end all Hilary's hopes.

He was glad Baptiste had seen this. He was glad that his gang did not cease work when the whistle blew, but continued energetically upon their labors, like beavers in a lake. Hilary searched among them for the figure of the little time-keeper and general utility man, but failed to find it.

He ascended the hill beside the rushing cataract. He was crossing the waste land where the logs and tin cans were strewn when he saw Jean-Marie. The little man was engaged in earnest conversation with Black Pierre behind a shed in which were kept a spare buggy and a few sets of harness. Black Pierre seemed to be protesting vigorously.

The presence of the man beside Baptiste came to Hilary with a shock. Without changing his pace he advanced toward them, in his mind, repeating Lafe's advice over and over.

He was still inwardly quivering, yet trying to appear unconcerned, when the two perceived him. Pierre turned toward him with a scowl on his bruised face. His eyes were blackened, and he looked the incarnation of malignancy.

He spoke to Baptiste quickly, and, to Hilary's surprise Baptiste, without acknowledging his presence, walked slowly away with him. Baptiste's sudden departure puzzled Hilary a good deal at the time, and much more afterward.

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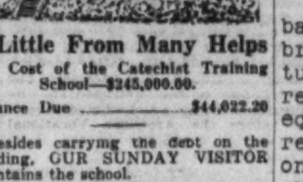

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FLASHES FROM OUR HOME MISSION-FIELD

Indiana Harbor, Ind.

The poverty here is appalling. Last Tuesday we discovered a poor family that had not had a thing to eat for three days. The mother was giving her little ones warm water to alleviate, if possible, the pangs of hunger. Needless to say, we bought them food and clothing and are endeavoring to get employment for the father.

Catechist Marian Weyenberg.

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Not long ago, on one of our free days, another Catechist and I went out walking. We had not gone far when a little girl, breathless and very much excited, stopped us.

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The babies had been baptized and the Angel of Death was already hovering over the suffering infants so there was nothing for us to do but try to comfort the poor, worn-out mother. How sad—to think—that these babies did not receive proper medical attention in time to save their lives! By our home visits, clinics, etc., we are hoping to induce these mothers to bring their little ones to us for treatment, rather than to rely on their own remedies.

It was too late to continue our journey so we retraced our steps. Our homeward conversation was mute testimony to the fact that our thoughts were behind us in that sad little home. Next morning we heard the church bells ringing and we knew that our twins were safe in their Heavenly Home.

Catechist Blanche Richardson.

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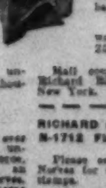

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The editor and staff of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR extend to our readers and friends a sincere wish for a most happy and successful New Year.

THE EXPENSES OF ANGLICAN BISHOPS IN ENGLAND

It is bad enough to be a Bishop in the United States during these strenuous times, but it must be a hundred times worse in England in the Anglican Church, because its Bishops are obliged to live as noblemen with an expense account which the Government finds very difficult to defray. Recently Canon A. W. F. Blunt was offered the vacant See of Worcester, with a salary of $19,000.00 a year, but declined it because the amount was insufficient "to maintain the official residence, Hartlebury Castle." His predecessor declared that he managed to make ends meet only by acting as his own secretary, bailiff and chaplain.

The salaries of English Bishops range from $12,500.00 a year to $50,000.00 a year, but it is said that in most cases a very small portion remains for personal expenses after meeting the cost of the official residence and staff.

The Bishop of Peterborough recently presented to his diocese a statement of accounts, showing that he had $15,000.00 a year official expenses, and had little left for personal expenses, including the upkeep of his home, repairs, hospitality and donations.

Dr. Perowne, the Anglican Bishop of Bradford, speaking on the economy which he has to practice, says: "We had a maid for about three weeks, but then we had to do the best we could. Every member of the family, myself included, took a turn in getting up early to light the fires and perform other household duties. On Whit-Sunday I had a very busy time laying stair carpets, and some one appropriately began to sing, 'When Father Laid the Carpet on the Stairs.'"

Dr. Perowne can knit and sew.

The actual allowance for personal use to Catholic Bishops in the United States is small. Of course, many Bishops of the west and south do not receive more than an ordinary pastor's salary. Those who fill the more important Sees of the middle west and east could hardly run three months on the amounts which are stipulated as salary, a small part of a diocesan contribution. As a leader of the Catholic people in his See City, the Bishop is called upon to contribute generously to Community Chests, to membership in the Chamber of Commerce, to a dozen things for which subscriptions are taken up during the year. Usually his domestic expenses are small, because, in order to do hard work quietly he usually lives practically by himself.

Unlike the Bishops of the Anglican Church he does not entertain socially. In most cases, he actually dreads to be invited to social functions. He has problems and worries which the Anglican Bishops of England have not at all, namely, the worries concerning parish debts, the debts on diocesan institutions, etc. The Bishop's office is spiritual and he heartily wishes that all his work were spiritual. We know that he would a thousand times prefer to have a mere pittance on which to live and spiritual things alone with which to occupy himself than to have a $50,000.00 salary (like some English Bishops have), and the many temporal problems which he is unable to shirk. Even a $50,000 diocesan fund, at the disposal of the average Catholic Bishop, would find its way back to the people by the assistance of enterprises or institutions, which are rightfully the objects of parochial support. Anglican Bishops have personal financial problems, the Catholic Bishops, especially in Protestant countries, have more or less the combined problems of many parishes and institutions.

At the beginning of the New Year we should express our gratitude to God for the blessings we enjoyed during the past year, while we lament its many sufferings and failures. The year which is now nearing its end has been a hard one for many of us, but the things concerning which we worry, temporal things, deserve little or no consideration when compared to the things about which the Divine Savior is greatly concerned, our pursuit of things spiritual and eternal. He Himself tells us that if we strive after spiritual things we shall not be denied the material things of which we actually stand in great need.

Each passing year reminds us of our short lives here on earth; each year's close reminds us of "the one thing necessary." "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?"

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Around The World In Ten Minutes

Call For $1,000,000 For Home For Aged

NEW YORK CITY.—A group of thirty-two men prominent in the business, political and religious life of the city recently formed a campaign committee to raise $1,000,000 with which to erect new quarters for the St. Francis Home for Aged and Incurables, which since 1866 has been housed in a frame and brick building.

Formation of the committee and plans for a public appeal were concluded at a luncheon in the Bankers Club given by Grover A. Whalen to Cardinal Hayes, who is sponsoring the drive, and at which the speakers were former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mayor Walker, Matthew S. Sloan, Borough President Samuel Levy, Justice Victor J. Dowling, Gilbert T. Hodges and Frank P. Walsh.

In an appeal for the support of the St. Francis Home, and all charitable institutions, Mayor Walker presented the attitude of the City Government toward such institutions and warned that unless they were supported during the present financial depression public hospitals and homes will be "swamped" and their cost of maintenance greatly increased.

By a coincidence, the luncheon was held on the death of Mother Schervier, who founded the home sixty-five years ago. She was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, who still conduct it.

Mr. Whalen presided, and in his opening remarks declared that the home had long become obsolete. In picturing a recent visit made to it, he said that despite the hardships offered by the poor physical equipment, the inmates seemed happier and better taken care of than in any similar home he had visited.

After declaring that of the many appeals which he has been asked to aid none were more worthy than that of the St. Francis Home, Cardinal Hayes said that the charitable instincts of New Yorkers had been best shown in the gathering present.

"If the spirit which has brought these men to offer their aid continues," he said, "the depression, with the help of Almighty God, will soon end."

Following the Cardinal, former Governor Smith recalled his boyhood days on the lower east side and described visits of the Sisters of St. Francis to Fulton Market when he worked in it.

Rise In Population Seen As Slackening

NEW YORK CITY.—The population of the United States will undergo a steady slowing down in its rate of growth until, between 1970 and 1980, it will reach a maximum of about 150,000,000 and thereafter decline, Louis L. Dublin, vice-president and statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, predicted recently before the American Vocational Association convention in the Hotel Pennsylvania.

As the country tends more toward "stabilization" of its population, with decreasing birth rates, Mr. Dublin said, the proportion in ages will change. He estimated that persons 50 years of age and over will form about 31 per cent of the population, against 17 per cent at present, and that those under 20 years will be 29 per cent, contrasted with 36.8 per cent. He expected the proportion of those between 20 and 50 would remain about the same, about 40 per cent.

Finds Church-Building Gives Work To 90,000

NEW YORK CITY.—The largest exhibit of ecclesiastical architecture ever shown in the United States was one of the principal features of the three-day national conference on church building held here. More than 209 architects submitted entries.

William Collins, manager of Walter Kidde & Co., New York builders, in a preliminary report of a study of the labor aspects of the general building industry in this country, said that 90,000 men labor on every working day of the year building churches in the United States and earn approximately $180,000,000 annually. He added that the normal year's church building budget is about $225,000,000. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, pointing out what part the church is playing to relieve unemployment, estimated that more than $100,000,000 in church building funds is ready now for the erection of new edifices.

New Constitution Criticized In Spain

MADRID, SPAIN.—The Spanish Constitution has been made too quickly under pressure of the desire to end the government's provisional nature in order to defend the regime from dangers believed by many to be close but which in reality are largely illusory.

No one believes this Constitution can long endure without radical modifications, and the parties now dominant, foreseeing a probable Right reaction at the next elections, perhaps in the coming year, wish to prolong the life of the Cortes called solely to make the Constitution.

The most outstanding constitutional problem involves the separation of Church and State and the position created for religious orders. The orders have been deprived of the right to teach, but this cannot be effective for a long time, perhaps years, because the State will be unable to take over the teaching of the population. Moreover, resistance of a great proportion of the people who are opposed to lay instruction will have to be overcome. Action against religious orders, depriving them of certain liberties that other associations enjoy, it has not been attempted to justify.

Number Of Berliners Leaving Churches Increase

BERLIN, GERMANY.—The religious congregations of Berlin are losing members at a steadily increasing rate, according to the figures of the Municipal Bureau of Statistics, the rate of loss being somewhat greater among Protestants than Catholics, and much smaller among Jews.

In the six-year period from 1925 to 1930 withdrawals from Evangelical churches amounted to 8¾ per cent of their total membership. The number of withdrawals per year rose, for Protestants, from 27,600 in 1925 to 59,300 in 1930; for Catholics from 2,700 to 6,800; for Jews from 450 to 590. The congregation totals on which the percentages are based are: Evangelical, 3,000,000; Catholic, 400,000; Jewish, 177,000.

The economic depression has been assigned as the cause for the church losses.

Great Roman Bath Is Found At Jerash

JERUSALEM.—The most complete Roman public bath ever found in the Near East has been uncovered at Jerash, or ancient Gerasa, in Transjordan. This bath was built during the episcopacy of Bishop Placcus in 462 A. D., soon after the construction of the Cathedral of the Virgin, begun in 400 A. D. The bath is almost intact with fane and columned atrium, heated room, tepid room, exercise court and large swimming pool.

The main excavations covered the area between the pagan Temple of Artemis (150 A. D.) and the Cathedral, both of which were uncovered a few years ago. The main half bath contained a fine inscribed mosaic floor giving the name of the builder and the date of erection.

Slightly to the west and opening from the courtyard of the Church of St. Theodore (480 A. D.) was a group of buildings which proved to be a monastery connected with the church. It contained a large refectory, numerous sleeping rooms, each equipped with a stone bunk, and various offices.

Soviet Convicts 77 Of Theft Of Bread

MOSCOW, RUSSIA.—The final verdict in the case of eighty-six men, indicted for "systematic embezzlement" of bread in Astrakhan and on trial seven days, was announced recently.

Forty-seven were found guilty of "economic damaging," or a deliberate attempt to defeat the aims of the Soviet Government—an offense which also comes under the head of counter-revolution. Nine were guilty of embezzlement, twenty-one of fraud, and the others were acquitted.

Ten were sentenced to ten years in jail each, with five years' suspension of civil rights; thirty of them to six years in jail, four more to five years in jail, and the others to minor terms. Ten years in jail is the maximum sentence for murder in Soviet Russia, unless the murder is of a political nature.

Attacks On Church Renewed In Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—The splendor with which the Catholic Church has just celebrated the 400th anniversary of the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Guadalupe has brought a renewal of attacks on the clergy by leaders of the dominant National Revolutionary Party.

Luis Leon, former Minister of Industry and Commerce, at one time Minister of Agriculture and Governor of the State of Chihuahua, declared "it is time to put an end to these activities, and I am sure that the government which emanated from the revolution will do so."

One of the best known military bands in Mexico was discharged from the military service by General Calles for having played at the Guadalupe basilica without his permission. This band of eighty musicians, the "Estado Mayor No. 1," has played in many cities of the United States and toured as far as Buenos Aires.

St. Vincent de Paul Profits By Paper Sale

CHICAGO, ILL.—The sale of Catholic papers by St. Vincent de Paul men for the past twelve months in Chicago and its suburbs netted them $18,859.60. This statement is taken from the society's monthly reports turned in at the Particular Council's office.

Noted Socialist Leader Dies A Catholic

WARSAW.—It has been learned that, prior to his death recently in Cracow, Dr. Sigsmund Marek, one of the most noted exponents of Socialism in Poland, asked for and received the Last Sacraments. Throughout his life Dr. Marek had been an opponent of Catholicism.

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It is really very kind of you to have published my letter in Our Sunday Visitor, but having not published my address I have as yet not received any pamphlets from any of your kind readers and hence I shall feel very highly obliged if you will kindly publish my address in your paper so that it may be useful to me. Since writing you last the non-Catholics on the whole are working vigorously by publishing free pamphlets and I am indeed very sorry to let you know that unless adequate measures are taken, it will be a real disgrace, so I must earnestly request you to send me useful pamphlets and papers and also to encourage your kind readers to forward apologetic works and periodicals so as to help me to give light to the many who are reading the pamphlets published by non-Catholics.

Thanking you and requesting your blessings,

Very sincerely yours,
P. A. M. COWNAN.

Corbin, Ky., Dec. 10, 1931.

Rev. and Dear Editor:

The little band of Catholics in Corbin, Ky., was happy December 7th, when four prominent converts were kneeling at the Altar in Sacred Heart church, making a profession of faith and received conditional Baptism.

The mother of five children made her family very happy by joining them in their faith, in which the Catholic father had piously raised them.

Two little girls, between the ages of seven and nine, danced for joy because their mother was joining them next day at the table of the Lord.

Catholics in big parishes can hardly realize what it means for our few faithful, when converts join them in professing their faith publicly, which is so misunderstood and so much maligned. Every Catholic rejoices when new members join them under the banner of the Cross, under which they practice their religion in the face of bitter antagonism.

These conversions are, to a great extent, due to the Mission given last June by Father Warren C. Lilly, S. J.

May I ask every reader to offer a prayer for still greater results in the vineyard of the Lord in the Kentucky mountains?

Fifty converts were received into the Church in the last few years and much credit must be given to the patient and self-sacrificing efforts of the Sisters of St. Camillus' Academy.

Sincerely yours,
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By Harry Stuhldreher

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The book is an excellent tribute to a man who had the happy faculty of profoundly impressing the minds and imaginations of great masses of people, many of whom had never seen him in person but who knew him well from his many and varied activities. Stuhldreher's book is a worthy supplement to Rockne's own autobiography, and it is also an outstanding analysis of the coach from the players' point of view. In this book one learns to know Rockne better and to understand the great influence which he possessed. Published by Macrae Smith Company. Price $2.65.

By E. T. S.

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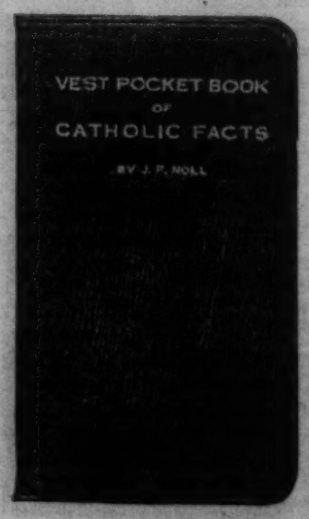

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AUGHTERS OF ISABELLA OF PERU CONDUCT PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the ...ru Circle, Daughters of Isabella, ...s held recently in the Knights of ...lumbus home in that city. A quilt ...s given to the Rev. A. J. Sansone ...f Indianapolis. Members of the com...ittee in charge were Mrs. Joseph ...ndres, chairman; Mrs. Everett Oak..., Mrs. Joseph Langer, Jr., Mrs. ...seph Dorsam, Mrs. Earl Sims and ...iss Frances Scherschel.

CATHOLICS WIN

The Catholics defeated the Presby...erians, 20 to 7, in the most recent ...ound of games in the Sunday School ...ague at Delphi.

CHOOLS DISMISSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The three Catholic schools of Logan...port have been dismissed for Christ...as vacation and will not convene un...l after New Year's.

HRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED AT SCHOOL

A splendid Christmas program was ...resented Tuesday afternoon, Decem...er 22 at St. Joseph's school, Logan...port, by violin students and children ...f the fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth and ...enth grades. Special numbers were ...iven by John Corso, William Berk...hire, Delores Acuff and Doris Gleitze.

T. VINCENT'S SCHOOL CONDUCTS PAGEANT

A pageant, "O Little Town of Beth...hem", was delightfully presented by ...upils of St. Vincent's school, Logan...port, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, in ...e school auditorium. Principal char...ters were represented by Elizabeth ...an Arthur, Nicholas Rozzi, John ...adanna, Michael Parente, Adam ...arente, and Louise Firmani. Shep...erds, angels and adorers were por...rayed by the smaller children of the ...hool. Following the play, the pastor, ...ather Durham, presented each child ...ith a Christmas gift.

ARENT-TEACHERS' ASS'N. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parent-Teachers' Association ...f St. Joseph's school, Logansport, ...et for their annual Christmas party ...hursday, December 17, in the school ...all. A covered dish luncheon was ...erved at the noon hour after which ...uests were entertained with the corn ...ame. Mrs. Bernadine Wood, Mrs. ...ary Loner and Mrs. Emma Grusen...eyer were awarded favors.

Members of the committee in charge ...ere Mrs. Addie Keller, Mrs. Pauline ...tewart, Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. ...argaret Frye.

NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ENJOY ANNUAL PARTY

Following their regular lodge ses...ion Monday night, Dec. 21, members ...f Logansport Council, Knights of ...olumbus enjoyed their annual Christ...as party. Gifts were exchanged af...er which Miss Henrietta Petrie, as...isted by a group of girls, presented ...program of carols. The feature of ...he evening was the giving away of a ...ressed turkey.

EWING CIRCLE HOLDS ITS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of St. Joseph's Hospital ...ewing circle held their annual Christ...as party Tuesday afternoon, Dec...mber 22, in the Logansport K. of C. ...all. A covered dish luncheon was ...ollowed by a gift exchange.

MRS. GEORGE NILES OF PULASKI COUNTY IS DEAD

Mrs. George Niles, 45, of Pulaski ...ounty, died Saturday, December 19, ...t Logansport. She is survived by her ...husband and two daughters, Mrs. ...Andrew Gray of near Winamac and ...Mrs. Leo Kinsetto of Winamac. Fun...eral services were held from St. ...Peter's Catholic church Tuesday morn...ing at 9 o'clock and burial made in ...the Catholic cemetery.

PASSING OF LAGRO PIONEER

The funeral of Miss Alice Christle ...who died at the residence of a nephew ...in Fort Wayne was held Wednesday ...with a High Mass celebrated at St. ...Patrick's church, Lagro. The pastor, ...the Rev. Atwater, paid a high tribute ...to her noble character. Altho a resi...dent of Fort Wayne for the past thir...teen years she retained an interest ...in St. Patrick's church until the time ...of her death, and was constantly ac...tive in charitable works.

GIFTS EXCHANGED AT D. OF I. PARTY

Daughters of Isabella of Logansport ...enjoyed their annual Christmas party ...Tuesday evening, December 22, in the ...K. of C. hall at Logansport. A cover...ed dish dinner and gift exchange fea...tured the program.

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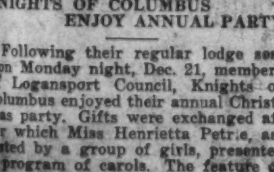

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St. Francis' Girls Distribute Baskets

The girls of St. Francis High School spent Christmas Eve by spreading cheer and happiness to the poor and needy of the city. They delivered twenty-five well-filled baskets to poor and appreciative families. The baskets were filled with food, clothing, toys and gifts for every member of the family.

Orphans Enjoy Jolly Christmas

Santa Claus, the most popular man of the hour, visited in the Knights of Columbus hall, where 175 boys from St. Joseph's orphanage and 55 boys and girls from the Cary home for children were gathered for the Catholic Daughters of America's annual party.

While waiting for Santa the children were entertained with a program given by the school children of the city.

During the afternoon a mammoth lighted tree was a feature. Santa entered the hall by the fire escape and amid the jingling of Christmas bells descended upon the little guests and distributed gifts. Each child received a gift labeled with his name, candy and fruit. The Sisters from the orphanage and the attendants at the other home were also guests and received attractive presents.

HIBERNIAN ELECTION

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held the annual election of officers Monday evening in St. Ann's school hall.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Droes; Vice-President, Mrs. D. E. Landy; Financial Secretary, Mary Hannah; Recording Secretary, Mary Catherine Carroll; Treasurer, Anna Meihan; Mistress of Arms, Mary Roach; Sentinel, Catherine Ryan; Chairlady of Irish History, Cecilia Vianco; Chairlady of Standing Committee, Mrs. John McCormick.

Later a Christmas party was enjoyed in which Mrs. Rutler acted as Santa Claus. Christmas presents were exchanged, followed by a Pot Luck supper.

ALTAR-ROSARY MEET

The Altar-Rosary Society of St. Ann's church held their social meeting Tuesday in St. Ann's auditorium. Euchre and Bunco were the diversion of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. James Riley and Mrs. Tom McLaughlin. Mrs. John Rupert and Louise Lenehan held high honors in Bunco. The visitors' prize was awarded to Mrs. Fritz of Terre Haute, Indiana.

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The Unemployed of Gary Find Relief At the Settlement House

The Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul Animates Relief Organization

Gary, Ind.—Gary-Alerding Settlement House becomes center for the relief of the destitute in once flourishing steel mill district. Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul daily serves two hundred meals to hungering unemployed. Nearly two hundred gallons of milk is daily given out. Day-old bread furnished by local merchants is keeping starvation from many doors.

Banded last year into a relief corps to assist the Missionary Catechists, Mrs. James McLaughlin and her charitable co-workers have this year organized the Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Foreseeing great work, these zealous women gathered great quantities of fruit and vegetables during the harvest months. The thousands of quarts of fruit and vegetables which they canned at the expense of time and labor are now proving of inestimable value in their relief work.

In addition to dispensing food, this organization is co-operating with the Missionary Catechists in giving medical care and providing medicines for the sick and suffering poor of Gary, and in distributing clothing to the needy.

Following the annual Christmas party given by the Missionary Catechists approximately six hundred children were served Christmas dinners.

The Rev. John Costello is Director of the Gary-Alerding Settlement House. He is assisted by the Rev. Edward Sweigart.

The Gary-Alerding Settlement House was the home of the first mission established by the Society of Missionary Catechists in Indiana. This Society began its charitable and religious work in Gary in 1924.

Vacation Not To Mar Merryness of Christmas

Evidently the student body of Catholic Central High, Hammond, intends to make Merry Christmas just that little thing and nothing less during the coming week of vacation. Setting to one side the always beautiful religious ceremonies of the feast of the Nativity of the Savior which the students will witness in their individual parish churches of this district, the social calendar of the local school indicates that the students will be hosts to their friends mainly of the Alumni Association.

The first of these events will be the annual Alumni Home-coming on the afternoon of the 27th of December. A basketball game between the two groups will feature the main part of the afternoon's program. It will be an All-Central conference, since the six orphan boys who are now making their home at the school have asked permission to play the preliminary game for the Alumni-Central meet.

On the evening of Monday, December 28th, the boys from Moosehcart will appear at the local gym. This meeting is considered always with more than passing interest, since the children from Moosehcart have established a special niche for themselves in the hearts of local fandom. Besides promising to be a pleasant evening, it will also be an evening of interesting basketball.

The third and closing feature of the week will be the Alumni dance, which is held each year during the last week of the calendar year in honor of the members of the Alumni, who attend schools away from home. This gathering is scheduled for December 30th.

Besides these more or less formal events, there will be various practice sessions in the gym during the spare hours of the vacation. Members of the different classes have made reservations for hours during which they will indulge in their much-liked indoor sport of basketball.

While the students of Catholic Central High School enjoy their holiday session, they are hoping that their friends will likewise enjoy in some manner a Merry Christmas.

Boys' Band Entertains

EAST CHICAGO.—Santa Claus and the famous Boys' Band of the Immaculate Conception Church, Whiting, recently played before President Hoover, brought joy to 1300 Indiana Harbor children Tuesday when one of the largest festivals ever held in the city was staged in St. John Cantius' school.

The party started at 5 P. M. in the school yard where a huge Christmas tree was brilliantly illuminated. It reached it's climax after a dinner was served all the youngsters in the school hall, when gifts were distributed to all present. The Rev. T. F. Chemma, pastor and the Rev. Francis Nowak, assistant, had charge of the party, which was backed by the White Eagle Club, the Womens' Welfare Society, the Society of St. Kunegunda, and the Woodrow Wilson Club.

Choirs from various churches of the city and dances under the direction of Antoinette Sherpetosky were included in the program. Candy, popcorn, fruit, nuts and toys were distributed to the youngsters.

Honor Father Chemma

INDIANA HARBOR. — Friends from all over the Calumet Region Sunday thronged the Priest's house of St. John Cantius' parish here to pay honor to the Rev. T. F. Chemma, pastor, on his Name's Day. An outstanding feature of the day's program was a dinner for close friends of the beloved priest.

Among those present were his assistant, Father Nowak; the Rev. Clement Mlinarovich; the Rev. Paul Kulka; Father Chemma's family and parish leaders.

EAST CHICAGO.—John Tenkely, alderman and noted political leader, was re-elected President of the Sacred Heart Sick and Death Benefit Society. Other officers elected are: John Gergacz, vice president; Julius Weigley, treasurer; Steve Puchley, financial secretary; Julius Vincze, recording secretary, and Harry Bodi, auditor.

EAST CHICAGO. — Children of Holy Trinity Parish here staged a Christmas entertainment Sunday night, proceeds of which went to the fund to purchase books for children of the parish school.

EAST CHICAGO.—The poor fund of St. Joseph's parish in the Calumet section of East Chicago was enriched by two bunco parties given recently, attended by more than three hundred people.

HOLY NAME MEETING

About 150 members of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church, Hammond, received Holy Communion in a body, after which a free breakfast was served Sunday, December 13.

Plans are under way to observe National Holy Name Sunday, January 10. The committee, with Mr. Peter Bick as chairman, is planning an edifying program for this day. Details will be announced shortly to the members of St. Joseph's church.

Winners of the Essay Contest conducted by the Society will be announced December 22.

Our monthly Holy Name Agenda is receiving a welcome reception both from the members and our advertisers.

Since the last meeting the Society lost one of its senior members, Mr. Jacob Young. Mr. Young was born at St. John, Ind., March 29, 1854, and passed away December 1, 1931, at the age of 77. He had been an active member for thirty years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Amelia Idziorek. Funeral was held December 5th under the auspices of the Holy Name Society.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Members of St. Lawrence's Circle, Daughters of Isabella, entertained with an enjoyable Christmas party, Wednesday evening, at the Knights of Columbus Home on East Adams street. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a Christmas play by a group of pupils of St. Lawrence's School.

Gifts were exchanged, and Christmas carols were sung. The committee in charge of the details of the affair was Mrs. Clem Barenbrugge, chairman; Miss Callie Johnson, Mrs. William Shanahan, Mrs. Jacob Huber, and Mrs. Byron Norton.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Miriam Club of Muncie enjoyed a smartly appointed Christmas party, Sunday afternoon, at the Washington Inn in Hartford City. Miss Geraldine Earley was chairman of the committee assisted by Miss Gertrude Curran, Miss Margaret Hensley, and Miss Helen Glaser.

A program was given which included the Christmas Story by Miss Elizabeth Hinckley, a reading by Miss Mary Greene, and a song by Miss Mary Jane Carnes accompanied by Miss Virginia Wingerter. Following the program, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served at the individual tables which were centered with red candles in silver holders.

MIRIAM CLUB MEETING

Members of the Miriam Club will hold their December meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Hensley. She will be assisted by Miss Gertrude Curran and Miss Doris Fell.

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"J" Club Christmas Party

Miss Florence Kretschmer, 1700 Prairie St., opened her home Monday evening, December 14th, to twenty-eight members of the "J" Club and twenty-four children, mostly under six years of age, for the club's annual Christmas party. The home was cleverly decorated in red and green and a Christmas tree reaching to the ceiling stood in one end of the sun parlor. A short business session was held. The sum of $14.50 was collected for the needy. The club prizes were won by Miss Bessie Nadolny and Miss Mary Louise Holtz. Santa arrived at 9:00 o'clock with gifts for all. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge, Mrs. Collette Bickel, Mrs. Mary Treckelo, Miss Mary Wenzel and Miss Lillian Weaver.

The next meeting will be in two weeks with Miss Rose Burkhard. The children present were: Mariann Heumer of Mishawaka, Richard Gnoth of South Bend, and Frederick Nye, Bobby Stanley, Richard Frecklo, Margaret Ernest, Richard Prince, Mary Catherine Nadolny, Josephine Nadolny, Glenn Brevington, Herbert DeLucaney, Alfred Colegrossi, Miles Johnson, Rita Holtz, Donald Holtz, Jane Pindell, Mary Collette Bickel, Delores Fisher, Joyce Fisher, Richard Holser, Louis Dempsey, Frank Dempsey, Barbara Erickson and Mary Jane Murray, all of Elkhart.

PINOCHLE TOURNEY

The monthly pinochle tournament of the D. of I. and K. of C. was held Tuesday, December 15th, in the Community house. There were nineteen tables in play. The high score bridge prize for the last meet went to Mrs. Sorenson and for pinochle to Mrs. Meyers. Refreshments were served by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Riblet and Mrs. Helfrick.

CARD PARTY AND DANCE

The Villagers will hold a card party and dance December 30th. Cards will be played in the basement. Table prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

MIDNIGHT MASS

There will be a midnight Mass at St. Vincent's Christmas eve for the first time in thirty years. There will be two visiting priests, also the local pastor and his assistants.

ALTAR SOCIETY CARD PARTY

The Altar Society held a successful card party and bazaar Thursday, December 17th. There were twenty-two tables of cards in play. Table prizes were given. Mrs. Hasler was in charge of the cards.

VILLAGERS

The Villagers staged a hard-time party Wednesday, December 16th, in the Community house. The prize for the oldest clothes

Catholics

PROMINENT IN THE OUTSTANDING HEADLINES OF THE DAY'S NEWS

NEW YORK—The let-down of the Notre Dame football team in the Army game disappointed thousands here but it did not prevent most of the newspapermen here from naming Joe Kurth and Marchie Schwartz to places on the mythical All-American eleven. Schwartz is reputed to be "as great a player as George Gipp." For three years he has been a first-string halfback on the Notre Dame team. Kurth has starred in the line for two seasons. Notre Dame has more players receiving All-American mention than any other university in the country.

MARCHIE SCHWARTZ

JOE KURTH

Visits Missions

When Mayor Walker went to California to ask for the release of Tom Mooney he spent some time visiting the missions. He is shown at Santa Barbara with one of the Franciscans.

Archbishop Glennon Pleads For Peace In Yule Radio Message

New York.—A prayer for peace among men and nations was offered up by the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, in the course of a Christmas address which he delivered Sunday and which was carried on the radio by the Columbia Broadcasting System in its "Church of the Air" program.

The Archbishop prefaced his appeal for world peace with a recital of the events of the first Christmas in Bethlehem and urged his hearers to strive for that peace which the Angels proclaimed at the time of the birth of the Savior.

"May I speak even now in that Divine Presence for the peace of which the angels sing," the Archbishop said. "Never before—with homes that are rendered desolate; with industries that are failing and nations that are withering away with fear and expectation of what is coming upon them—never before, I say, was there a greater need for that peace of Christ of which the angels sang.

"I know we glibly speak of it; preach it, and pretend to promote it, and yet we are enten up with the fear that it will not come. Public documents proclaim it; statesmen from foreign lands make their visits and discuss their mission, which the world is told and believes, is a mission of peace, and then, their cabinet meetings and their secret movements modify and belie their public attitudes. Much as they desire peace, they want security more. Yes, security and prosperity, rather than peace and humanity. It does look as if the nations still saw no value in the ancient dictum that nations as well as individuals can be strong in the strength of right. They prefer the pagan cynicism of Napoleon, when he declared that the Lord is on the side of the strongest armies."

California Clergy Urge Moratorium Plan Include Erin

San Francisco.—A petition signed by 363 Catholic prelates and priests of California has been sent to President Hoover by committee of priests, asking that deferment of the payment of $26,000,000 made yearly by the Irish Free State Government to Great Britain be included in the proposed moratorium. A copy was sent to Secretary of State Stimson.

The petition also asks that the inclusion of deferment of this payment in the moratorium "be without prejudice to the claim of the Irish people that the said payment is not justly due from them to Great Britain."

The Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, heads the list of signers. In addition to the secular priests, there are among the signers numerous members of religious communities.

"What happened to Billings? His face is all bandaged up."

"Oh, he was getting shaved by a lady barber when a mouse ran across the floor."

Ladd: "How did you find your wife when you got home last night?"
Mann: "Just as nice as pie."
Ladd: "How's that?"
Mann: "Short and crisp."

Mrs. Small: "My husband is a perfect brute."
Mrs. Short: "You don't say."
Mrs. Small: "Yes, since the baby began teething nothing would quiet the little darling but pulling his father's mustache. Well, yesterday he went and had his moustache shaved off."

Breathless Visitor—"Doctor, can you help me? My name is Smith."
Doctor—"No, I'm sorry; I simply can't do anything for that."

Steno: "How do you spell sense?"
Boss: "Dollars and cents or 'horse sense'?"
Steno: "Well, like in 'I ain't seen him sense'."

Bicentennial School Contests Announced; Regulations Listed

Washington.—Details of three nation-wide contests to be held in connection with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington have been announced by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission here.

The competitions are: a contest in declamation for the elementary schools, an essay contest for the secondary, or high, schools, and an oratorical contest for colleges. The elementary school contest will end with the selection of state winners, but the essay contest and the oratorical contest will go on to national finals, the winning student in each of the national contests receiving from the bicentennial commission a gold medal especially cast by the United States mint.

Pamphlets on organization and general regulations have been prepared by the National Bicentennial Commission, and will be sent out to every school from which students enroll in the contests. The competitions in each state will be conducted by a state contest committee, appointed and working under the supervision of the bicentennial commission of the state in co-operation with the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

Prose and poetry relating to George Washington have been collected by the bicentennial commission here, and will be distributed to the teachers in the schools from which pupils enter the contests. The contestants in the declamation contest must choose their offerings for this pamphlet.

The subjects from which high school students may make a selection for an essay in the secondary school contest have been announced by the Commission as follows:

George Washington, the Farmer at Mount Vernon; George Washington's Spirit of Sportsmanship; George Washington: Statesman and Soldier; George Washington's Sense of Duty; Washington's Balance of Character; The Many-sidedness of George Washington; George Washington, the Friend; Washington's Influence on Our Life Today.

The subjects from which selection may be made by students in institutions of higher learning entering the oratorical contest are:

Washington the Courageous; Washington and the West; Washington the Man of Business Vision; Development of George Washington's Military Ability; George Washington's Understanding of Men; Washington: Nation Builder; First in Peace; Washington: Exemplar of American Ideals; George Washington, a World Figure; The Spirit of Washington.

The local school elimination contests will be completed by February 22, the time the bicentennial celebration actually begins. The winning essays from each state must be in the offices of the National Bicentennial Commission by April 19, 1932. The finals in the oratorical contest will be announced later.

Former War Flyer Is Ordained Priest

Cumberland, R. I.—Frank J. Walsh, who as a boy of seventeen years held a commission in the British Flying Corps, had several German planes to his credit and was wounded in action, recently became Frater M. Aelred, O. C. S. O. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. William A. Hickey, Bishop of Providence, at the Cistercian Monastery of Our Lady of the Valley, here.

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The Rt. Rev. E. J. Kelly, Bishop of Boise, Idaho.

Congress Host

The Most Rev. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin and host to the thirty-first International Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Dublin next June, photographed as he broke ground for the great altar to be erected in Phoenix Park, Dublin, for the Congress.

Guadalupan Rites Reflect Profound Faith Of Mexicans

(Continued from Page One)

gate and all the prelates and dignitaries participated. In the evening a great nocturnal pilgrimage and solemn vigil was conducted by the Apostolic Delegate. The pulpit was occupied by the Most Rev. Maximino Ruiz, Titular Bishop of Derbe, spiritual director of nocturnal adoration. The Mass of Nocturnal Adoration, which was celebrated at midnight, terminated with a solemn procession.

In all the parishes and some of the churches, Midnight Mass was celebrated at which many persons, including more than 1,500 children, received Communion. The churches remained open all night, and at six o'clock in the morning other Masses were celebrated.

On Latin American Day, the banners of Brazil, Uruguay, Guatemala, Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Costa Rica and Paraguay were placed at the foot of the statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The basilica was so filled with pilgrims on this day that many could not gain admittance. Indiana from Xochimilco had adorned the shrine with roses and other flowers.

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The New Year

Pause yet awhile, departing year!
We may not let thee steal away,
Like spirit forms, to memory dear,
That haunt the dreams of waning day.

Pause yet awhile! and show again
The visions of the hours gone by,
Or clouded by the tears of pain,
Or beaming bright on Fancy's eye.

No? Gone forever? Be it so!
The good or evil thou hast done,
For endless peace or endless woe,
Is past, and thou art lost or won.

From looking backward Folly's brow
With dull remorse is overcast.
Now life begins. A moment now
Is worth a million of the past.

Thy life was squandered? Idly spent
Mayhaps in haunts of hideous sin?
Arise! 'tis time that thou repent;
No age too hoary to begin.

From out the depths of midnight gloom
The New Year steals with silent feet.
The past sinks sadly in its tomb,
Wrapt in the snows, its winding sheet.

—Boston Ch. Calendar.

For Each Day Of The New Year

Do you really know what it is to thrill with the joy of doing things? Do you often experience the keen satisfaction of accomplishing some special task you have set out to do?

It's something that every one can enjoy, rich or poor, it's something no one can take from you and it's one of the most "worthwhile" things in all this world.

We may take wrong steps at first in our effort to make practical application of our dream, but at least we are not passive, not idle, we are doing and we'll learn to step right.

The mere effort brings pleasure, for work is the portion of all, no matter what our station, nor in what figures we count our wealth. Then, when increasing effort brings its reward, the consequent joy to the worker is one of heaven's own blessings.

The man whose picture has been hung on the line, the author whose book has been accepted and is running its 'steenth edtion, the child who wins a prize at school—each has experienced the great joy of doing and envies no one. No kingly crown, no millions of money—nothing in the world can bring to the true soul quite the same thrill that such an experience brings.

This great blessing is ours, not exactly for the asking, but for the reaching for it, for the trying. Life can hold nothing much greater than this realization—this striving and striving, with its final reward. Nothing worth while comes without effort—it's just the sum total of the good work we do each day which finally brings us this intense satisfaction.—Ave Maria.

Ring Out Wild Bells

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress of all mankind.

Ring out the care, the want, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

COMPENSATION

The things we failed to do
When duty called
Are specters grim and gray
That haunts the hours of night
And cloud our fairest day.
But those we faithful did,
For duty's sake,
Like angels fair and bright,
Do light our daily path
And soothe the hours of night.

—Florence H. Hill.

Resolutions For The New Year

The greatest aid in making our resolutions for the new year will be self-knowledge. A help to this will be found in the following interesting paragraphs by Father F. P. Donnelly, S. J., entitled "Self-Seeing Ends Stone Throwing."

One of the few recorded prayers of a famous Scotch poet was to the effect that it would be a good thing to see ourselves as others see us. He, however, admitted that the results would not be conducive to devotion. Many another good thing, too, besides devotion, would go with this true reflection of ourself; self-satisfaction, glowing autobiographies, comforting assurances from consciousness, laudatory interviews with one's own recollections, patience and much unfounded contentment.

"Why do you bring a suit of libel two years after you were called a hippopotamus?" asked the judge. "Well, Your Honor," replied the plaintiff, "it was only yesterday that for the first time I saw the animal." The number of suits for libel against self-revelation would certainly crowd the docket if seeing ourselves as others see us came to be the fashion.

Here is a tale which gives one reason why self-ignorance has so long a life: There was once a lad who must have derived his ideas of man's anatomy from an onion. At any rate, he believed that everyone grew up by building around himself another layer. If you peeled off the man, you could find, he thought, the boy. In certain cases there would be numerous layers, and the labor would be immense, for example, to get from an ex-President to a baby. But apply that notion to self and try to peel off the layers built up around the true knowledge of what you are. Take a cross section of your soul and you would have to cut through successes, dreams, ideals, flatteries, congratulations, doting of fond parents, ambitions, deceptions, various hand-shakings and shoulder-clappings of friends until you finally reached the shrunken and wrinkled kernel of self.

There was a certain Spanish soldier who had hidden himself behind a life of distractions, of loves, hates, gamblings, dissipations, day-dreaming, novel-reading, quarreling, soldiering. He broke down all those intrenchments and got to a knowledge of self, but it was a heroic struggle. The process started with a cannon ball, and a surgical operation, and a long sickness, and the process ended by his giving up home and wealth and honors, by fasting and meditation on Christ's life and by many months of retirement alone in a cave. He wrote a book in which he formulated the science of seeing yourself as God sees you, which is an improvement on the Scotch formula.

The Spaniard was Ignatius of Loyola; his recipe for self-knowledge is called a retreat. In those exercises he does not seem to have left out much of his own experience except the cannon-ball. He would likely use that in extreme cases. Surgery, however, and prayer and fasting and exile and silence and caves of solitude are used to cut away self-deceptions.

Retreats will not be popular until people cease to be afraid of hippopotamuses. There was a short retreat given once upon a time. The supreme excellence of the director dispensed with long explanations. His exercitants saw themselves as God saw them, and they dropped their stones and went out one after another, beginning with the oldest. Self-seeing is a potent discourager of stone-throwing.

Another Wise Man

(to a Franciscan Brother)

Another wise man liveth,
Of blood both true and rare.
His kingdom is a kitchen,
His throne, a backless chair.

A ladle for a sceptre,
Some silver hair, his crown.
His sash, a snowy girdle,
His robe, of coarsest brown.

His staff, yon crimson lantern.
It points a marble stall,
And a golden cup, God's cradle,
As he journeys down the hall.

His gold, a pauper's spirit,
A precious, priceless thing.
His prayer,—I scarcely hear it—
"To Thee, O Infant King."

Sweet incense too, he offers—
'Tis incense to obey.
A treasure from heart's coffers—
"Oh take it, Babe, I pray."

Now myrrh in fragile vessel—
Chaste soul incased in sod.
"Near Thee may it e'er nestle;
'Tis Thine, O Baby God."

His kingdom's cares now call him.
He bows to the hidden Child.
Like kings of old, he's happy—
The Babe on him has smiled."

—Fr. Arthur Tonne, O.F.M.

How To Make It A Happy New Year

With Christmas here again and the old year fading into the dim and shadowy past, one begins to reflect and to see that there were many things that could have been done better. The yellowed pages of the book of life are here and there spattered with thoughts and deeds that in the grasping for happiness left us dissatisfied and weary where as we look we realize that with but little effort in the right way we might have found this essential thing in life.

Now with the Christmas festivities over and the ever familiar greeting "A Happy New Year" ringing out on the frosty air, we are reminded that another chapter has been opened by the hand of Time. Will this new chapter be able to tell a happier tale than the preceding one?

Into its pages may be written lines of the faithful devotions to God and the church of unstinting service to those in the home circles, of sunshine and of happiness spread into the lines of friends and associates, and of greater fidelity in our daily tasks. Thus can the year 1932 be made a banner year. And when in June we are assembled in the Sodality Hall to bid farewell to classmates, teachers and good old Holy Family, we shall part with the consciousness that in spreading happiness into the lives of others we ourselves were made the happier.

—Ruth Rea.

A PRAYER

Dear Holy Ghost, our loving Host,
O prompt this prayer to bring
Each thotless heart to bear its part
Toward welcoming our King!

O'er hill and plain make this refrain
Reform those heartless men,
Who, weal forgot; still thank Thee not
For seeking souls to win.

Sleeping are the midnight hills
Near blessed Bethlehem;
Faithful watchers guard the folds
The Lord hath given them;
Heaven's pure eyes twinkle,
While old Earth's no longer shine;
Kingly strife now slumbers,
Dreaming not of the divine.

Hark! Angels bright dispel the night
And Heaven's voices sing:
"All peace to you, whose hearts are true,
Give glory to your King!"

"Invite the Child and Virgin mild,
Excluded from the inn,
To make your hearts their favored parts
And keep them free from sin!

"Sing the name of Jesus in
To ev'ry memory:
Point a mental picture of
His graces, vividly:
Picture Mary near Him,
And give place to Joseph dear:
E'er prolong the harmony
They want the world to hear!"

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RESOLUTIONS for HEAVEN AND HOME

Catholics naturally connect the coming of the New Year with the practice of their religion. From the consideration of Our Lord's love and goodness in coming to live on earth among mankind, from the realization of His choosing to come among us as a helpless babe born in the stable at Bethlehem, we pass naturally to the thought that we are just ending another year of our life, a year that might have been so rich in work for Him; to the thought that we are just beginning another year now, and that it depends upon us whether we shall make use of it for God, for the world, for ourselves.

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Safe to say that most of us will go on in very much the same fashion as of old. Those practiced in trying to be good are not likely to fall away from the service of God. The casual will probably go their usual gait. They will have their alternations of occasional piety with descents into a lazy indifference about translating their faith into acton. Yet none of us, I think, will remain absolutely stationary. We shall either have progressed in the service of God or we shall realize a year hence that we are less good Catholics than we were a year ago, even if it is no more than a matter of little things like faithfulness to our morning and evening prayers, perseverance in doing our bit to make our home really a happy, peaceful, affectionate Catholic home.

For most of us thoughts like these are apt to give rise to a crop of New Year good resolutions. What a painful lack of originality there is about those resolutions! It says much for the weakness of human nature that most of us go on making the same good resolutions year after year all our lives. Those firm resolutions to get up at a fixed time, to curb a quick temper, to refuse to indulge a sulky one, to take time for some Catholic reading every day, to control a gossiping (perhaps even a rather malicious and backbiting) tongue, and really to persevere this time! Don't let us be too severe on ourselves and on others. If "hell is paved with good intentions," a ladder to heaven can be made of them, too, even if many of the rungs break and have to be constantly renewed.

* * *

When Catholics live together, a first good resolution should certainly be to have a real charity toward each other in the house, making it into a peaceful, rest-giving home, a shelter from the material, grasping world outside. Most families are composed of widely different personalities: it is only by a real friendliness of mind, rather than by a sort of hard-mouthed endurance, that these varying temperaments can hope to live at peace with each other. Indolent natures and energetic ones, "bookish" people and the lively ones are not all going to fit smoothly under the same roof unless definite pains are taken so that they do not get on one another's nerves.

It is marvelous how widely even parents, brothers and sisters vary in temperament and tastes.

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One New Year resolution: Let us make good use of the opportunities for good Catholic reading which are thrust upon us now from all sides. In these days of unbelief and of much writing in support of unbelief, Catholics owe it to their religion to avail themselves of the interesting easily understood Catholic reading material that is so readily obtainable everywhere. It can be safely said that there is no serious "question of the day" that is not studied, criticized and most helpfully dealt with in the Catholic press. We should give some time to familiarizing ourselves with the Catholic point of view.

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Nearly everyone hastily scans the daily papers and in a vague, scratchy way has a shallow knowledge of the different religious "happenings" in the world at large. If we read the casual man-in-the-street newspaper ideas on subjects of faith and morals, it is only fair to ourselves and to our soul's health to read again what Catholics should know about these things from a Catholic source. There is a wealth of interesting reading in our Catholic papers and magazines. A first-rate resolution will be to determine to avail ourselves of it.—Ex.

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THE LITTLE FLOWER AND THE NEW YEAR

The Little Flower

It is not hard to imagine how the Little Flower would lead us to greet the New Year. She would have us follow her example as the best preparation for the fulfilment of the wish that will be on the lips of our friends in a few short days—and what is that example? We can see St. Therese each year as the old year was dying, taking a glance at the days that were gone forever. And what would she see? Two things—first, she would see the generosity and the prodigality with which God had scattered His gifts and His grace during the year just passed. She would count her Masses and her communions—her helps in the moment of trial and affliction and temptation. She would live in memory again the joys, yes, and the sorrows that the year had brought, the successes and the failures that had followed her endeavors. But above all she would see the goodness and love of God—His mercy—for His mercy is above all His works. Can we wonder that her heart would be thrilled and that her tongue would give words to her thanksgiving with Te Deums and Benedicites?

But there was another side to the shield! What had she done? Her failures, her little faults and imperfections,—she had her faults and her failings, for she was human—and as she saw what the good God had done for her and what she had given in return, the words of David were made her own and she pleaded her Miserere and won from God a forgetting and a forgiveness for all in which she had erred.

Aye! but the future—for that there was no fear, no discouragement—and why? Again the words of the Psalmist were hers: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." She was His lamb and she knew how He loved her and would guide her faltering footsteps and He did!

And now for ourselves! Do we really wish that the year of 1932 be for us an Annus Domini—a year of the Lord? Then as the year 1931 is dying let us, following in the footsteps of our Little Patroness pause for a moment and see all that God has given us during this year and we would be hard-hearted indeed if in gratitude we do not lift our hearts to Him in Te Deums and Benedicites—for our sins and imperfections we, too, have the Miserere to move the Heart of Our Heavenly Father. For the year about to come we also have the Good Shepherd to lead us into green pastures beside brooks of running waters "where we will obtain the help that we may need," when the scorching sun of temptation would burn into our souls the only things that can rob us of our happiness—sin, that is a betrayal of God and of ourselves.

Three things, then, spell our happiness for the coming year—gratitude, sorrow, courage—each and all are ours if we want them—and with these comes happiness.—Ex.

A Solemn Thought

To a follower of Christ the New Year comes with a sacredness that quite awes him. It moves him to take thought with himself about the journey he has been making; how much of it has been walked with Christ on the plain, straight way, and how much in the devious paths where he did not serve God and where the grace of God did not accompany him. It is a reproachful thought, but a salutary one. And if a man is in earnest in regard to the welfare of his soul, such a meditation, momentary as it may be, is sure to start him off on a fresh journey and with a determination to seek first the kingdom of God.

The New Year brings with it a certain grace. It dins into a man's ears the warning that with him this year may be his last, that already he has turned the corner of the street that leads to eternity and to judgment. A solemn thought is this, perhaps gloomy; but after all, the veritics of life, the veritics of the soul are more solemn than the most serious-minded of us can imagine. If we bring some of this solemnity into our consideration of the New Year, the day is bound to be happy, even if the world seems to frown upon us.—Ex.

THE PRAYERS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN SAY

The prayers the little children say
No toiling angel brings,
They pass right through the shining ray
That searches selfish things.

They are so little that they slip
Between the guarding wings:
God says, "Hush, and give them way,"
The prayers the little children say.

—Exchange.

Gifts

By Rose Terry Cooke

What shall I give to Thee, O Lord?
The kings that came of old
Laid softly on Thy cradle rude
Their myrrh, and gems, and gold.

The martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood,
Their ashes strewed Thy way;
They spurned their lives as dreams and dust,
To speed the coming day.

Thou knowest of sweet and precious things
My store is scant and small;
Yet wert Thou here in want and woe,
Lord, I would give Thee all.

Show me Thyself in flesh once more,
Thy feast I long to spread;
To bring the water for Thy feet,
The ointment for Thy head.

There came a voice from heavenly heights;
"Unclose thine eyes and see,
Gifts to the least of those I love
Thou givest unto Me."

THE CHERUB FOLK

In highest Heaven, at Mary's knee,
The Cherubs sit with folded wings,
And beg her by St. Charity
To tell them tales of human things.

They throw their harps down on the floor,
And all their heavenly playthings leave,
And clamour to be told once more
The faerie tale of faulty Eve.

Up into Mary's lap they climb
To hear how on a place called Earth
Once, in a wondrous thing called Time,
The Uncreated One had birth.

And she to whom a Son was given,
Plays there her Mother part to them
And tells the Cherub-folk in Heaven
The wonder tale of Bethlehem.

—Enid Dennis.

Good-Bye

At the ending of the year our thoughts must turn back. We must linger one moment in mournful meditation to gaze upon it before we bid it forever Good-Bye. But before the ebbing tide of this old year has mingled its faint and falling waters with the ocean of the past, while the beloved memories that were sweet, and the sad memories that were sacred, crowd around us in tender appeal, while the faces of friends that are distant or dead look upon us once more from dim horizons, while in the eyes of friends that are near there is a shadow of waning light, while in each tone that marks the passing time and dooms to death each new-born instant there is the heralding of eternity, our heart must ask if all that was nobly dear in the past is, indeed, and forever lost, or if there cannot be a hope that the sorrows and trials and joys that are gone shall yet come back to us in the hallowed harvest of a divine resurrection; whether the stern duty of being about the things that are our Father's must mean the ruthless and irrevocable rending of all human ties, or if the true children of our Father may not hereafter meet again in life and love within some one of our Father's mansions, whether "good-bye" must mean not merely the darkening of our home; but also the deadening of our heart, or if we may not trust that our human-hearted God will in His own Divine Day, give to the friends whom He has blessed upon earth one home, one heart, one heaven.

—Rev. Robert Kane, S. J.

It is not enough to forbid our own tongue to murmur; we must also refuse to listen to murmurs.—Ven. Louis de Granada.

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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

My dear Flock:

I had intended to chat with you on a different subject on this Sunday, the last of the civil year. But a letter received just before Christmas from the pupils of St. Francis' High School, Lafayette, Indiana, altered my decision, and when you will have read it, you will agree that such decision was justified.

I would refer you to what is written under the heading O. S. V. Outlook on page three of this paper for a chat which was suggested by the dying year.

The pupils of St. Francis' High School, which is a Central Catholic High School for the girls of Lafayette, conducted in their own institution by the Sisters of St. Francis, decided that they would like to do something towards the building up of a Burse, the interest of which would pay for the education of some poor boy for the priesthood for all time. In one of the August numbers of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR they read in our "AFTER DINNER STORY" a suggestion that our readers found a Burse in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of the great High Priest, and they began preparations for a social event, conducted under the auspices of the school, by which they hoped to raise $100.00, or two per cent. of the full amount of the Burse. They designated our Blessed Mother Chairman of the Committee in charge, and to her they attribute their success during days so trying, as Lafayette has experienced along with other cities this winter.

The letter from the High School girls follows:

"Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop:

"It is with great happiness that we, the Girls of St. Francis' High School, are writing you, dear Rt. Rev. Bishop, this letter.

"We know you are wondering now, just what we are going to tell you. Indeed we sincerely hope that you will be very well pleased with what you read in our letter.

"Recently we girls gave a Benefit Bazaar and Carnival—the first we have ever given—and we made our Blessed Mother Madame Chairman, and oh, dear Bishop, she was a wonderful Madame Chairman! We could never have done without her assistance.

"Our dear Blessed Mother made our Bazaar a grand success, and so in gratitude, we are going to do something for her.

"In August we read a notice in 'OUR SUNDAY VISITOR' about a Burse for the Priesthood in honor of Our Blessed Lady, and we resolved at that time to try hard to be able to contribute something towards this Burse. We thought it would be beautiful in the future to look back and recall our school days at St. Francis and feel that we had done some 'worth-while' things while going to school.

"We are therefore enclosing a check for $100.00 as a contribution to the Burse in honor of our Blessed Lady.

"We are most grateful to our Blessed Lady—we thank her very much—and we ask you, Rt. Reverend Bishop, to please pray for us.

"Each and every one of us wish you a most blessed and happy Christmas and a joyful and holy New Year.

"Very respectfully,
"The Girls of St. Francis' High School".

We hope that other schools will follow the example of St. Francis' Catholic High School.

It is not difficult to raise fairly large amounts of money when the number of contributors is great. The cost of a postage stamp is insignificant, but the Government of the United States raises hundreds of millions of dollars every year from the sale of them because of the great number who use them. The Association of the Holy Childhood raises thousands of dollars every year for the purchase of cast-off babies in heathen countries, yet the amount paid by members of this association is only one cent per month.

There are in the parochial schools of the diocese 33,000 children. An offering of one cent per month from each child would amount to about $4,000.00 a year. An average contribution of $100.00 a school would furnish more money than is needed for the establishment of a Burse.

We are very grateful to the pupils of St. Francis' High School, and we pray that the evidence of the zeal which they have given this Christmas will be characteristic of every pupil individually through life. We are certain that millions of people in the United States heartily wish that they had given to some cause of God the money which they have lost through bad investments. They would then have an investment which would bear fruit for all eternity, and which would probably have, through a blessing of God, prevented their so-called "bad luck".

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Ordained

On December 19th, Frank J. Walsh, of Los Angeles, now Frater M. Aelred, O. C. S. O., was ordained a priest at the Cistercian Monastery, Cumberland, R. I. He was a lieutenant pilot in the British Royal Flying Corps during the World War and was awarded a distinguished flying medal. It was the sight of a shell-torn monastery and the refugee monks in Belgium that moved him to retire from the world. After the war he came to America and was employed in the accounting department of a Los Angeles bank until 1924, when he joined the Cistercians, one of the strictest religious orders, and began his studies for the priesthood.

Priest's Diary, Dated 1769, First Mentions California Christmas

San Francisco—Possibly early explorers who touched the shores of California may have landed during some other winter, but until Fray Crespi and Fray Portola led an expedition from San Diego in 1769 in search of Monterey Bay, charted by Cabrillo more than a hundred years earlier, there is no authentic mention of Christmas.

On this particular December day, memorable as the first California Christmas celebration, the little party of Franciscan friars, soldiers and Indians were straggling back to San Diego where they had left their ship after an unsuccessful search for Monterey Bay. Their food was nearly gone.

On Sunday, December 24, they camped in the Valley of El Osito de San Buenaventura, and Father Crespi wrote in his diary that they observed the Feast of the Nativity by celebrating two Masses and receiving 200 Indians, who came bringing quantities of fish and pinole. They gave the Indians bright colored beads in return.

Msgr. S. V Bona Is Named Bishop Of Grand Island

Washington.—Word has been received here from Rome of the appointment of the Very Rev. Msgr. Stanislaus V. Bona, D. D., pastor of St. Casimir's church, Chicago, as Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island, Nebraska, to succeed the Most Rev. James A. Duffy, who resigned some months ago.

The Diocese of Grand Island, embracing 40,000 square miles, has a Catholic population of about 25,000, with 65 diocesan priests, two priests of religious Orders, 50 churches with resident pastors, and 50 missions with churches.

GUADALUPAN RITES REFLECT PROFOUND FAITH OF MEXICANS

Centenary Celebrations Are Hailed As Proof That the People's Fervor Is Not Diminished Despite Difficulties — Pope Sends Blessing.

Mexico City.—The celebration of the fourth centenary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which terminated here recently, was the most brilliant religious demonstration ever held in Mexico.

The large and devoted gatherings that preceded the great final demonstration of faith at the shrine, no less than the demonstration itself, are hailed as an impressive proof that the Faith of the Mexican people is still signally profound, despite the difficulties which have beset the faithful of the nation in the course of the last few years. The pilgrimages which came from many Latin American lands are likewise seen as earnests of the Faith in these other lands.

Pope Sends Message

The Holy Father's deep interest in the great Guadalupan demonstration was officially brought to the attention of the pilgrims in a message read from the pulpit of the Basilica. The message, which was signed by Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, was as follows:

"His Holiness, much pleased with the filial homage of the attendants at the Guadalupan Congress, fraternally sends to the Bishops and their respective dioceses his Apostolic Benediction, asking celestial favors."

One indication that the celebration showed forth the undiminished devotion of Mexicans to the Catholic Faith has been that certain inveterate anticlericals have attacked agencies of the Government itself on the ground that they aided in the arrangements for holding the Guadalupan Congress. Some of these attacks have been bitter. However, the only governmental recognition of them thus far has been a report that General Calles, Minister of War and Marine, has reduced in rank the personnel of Army Staff Band No. 1 for having given a concert at 5:00 a. m. in the Basilica of Guadalupe without authorization of its superiors.

One of the most interesting features of the celebration on the centenary anniversary was the presence in the Basilica of descendants of ancient aboriginal caciques, mainly of the Huicholes, Tehuanos and Zapotecas. These Indians, dressed in their tribal costumes, occupied special seats in the Shrine and made an unusually colorful picture.

Procession Terminates Rites

The ceremonies were concluded with an impressive procession within the Basilica in which the Apostolic Dele-

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Hospital Association Editorial Denounces Birth Control Appeal

Chicago—A vigorous protest against birth control propagandists who recently broadcast an appeal that "no woman become pregnant in times like these" is voiced by the American Hospital Association, an international nonsectarian body of hospital executives, in its December bulletin.

Terming such an action as "suggestive of social revolution" and as criminal in its purpose as instructions to commit suicide during hard times would be, the Association deplores the fact that our laws permit any organization to disseminate such principles. The editorial, entitled "The Baby Moratorium," added:

"It is a sad commentary upon any civilization when an organization of supposedly intelligent people will promote the purchase of contraceptives or the patronage of criminal abortionists by broadcasting such counsel."

Inmate Of Iowa Prison Pledges $25 to Rockne Memorial Field House

South Bend, Ind.—Knute Rockne's influence reached even to the shadows. An inmate of a prison in Iowa has sent a pledge for $25 to the Rockne Memorial Field House Fund at Notre Dame, it was announced here recently.

The donor, whose prison number is given as No. 12910, expects to make his pledge good a year from now.

"My present situation," he wrote, "does not allow me to write 'draft enclosed,' but I am grateful to have the chance to participate in the cause for a lasting memorial to the one and only 'Rock,' Knute Rockne.

"Attached is my signed pledge in the amount of $25 marked to be paid in full before or by December 1, 1932. If my hit in this way is at all acceptable, I shall consider it a pledge of honor. Yes, I still retain that—"

Becomes Editor

Father Victor E. Stoner, convert to Catholicism and former Army Chaplain, who has become editor of the Arizona Catholic Herald. Father Stoner is a great-great-great-grandnephew of George Washington, and a great-great-great-grandnephew of Daniel Boone. He is a World War veteran and a former principal of the Miami, Arizona, high school.

Broadcast Cathedral Christmas Services

Beginning at 11:30 o'clock and continuing until about 2:00 a. m., the services, music and sermon at the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, will be broadcast by radio station WOWO. The Most Rev. Bishop will be celebrant of the Mass and gives the sermon. An adult choir of 65 voices and 200 children, the latter singing the Christmas carols, will be heard.

Priest, Ex-Athlete, Leads In Capture Of Alleged Purse Thief

New Orleans, La.—Fleetness of foot, which years ago stood him in good stead as a Notre Dame football player, has just enabled the Rev. Michael Quinlan, pastor of the Sacred Heart church here, to lead a group of citizens to the successful capture of an alleged purse snatcher.

Police said that they have received a number of complaints from women recently with regard to purse robbing while the complainants were attending novenas in churches throughout the city. The police say that the purses had been snatched while the owners went to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion.

Fort Wayne District

The first of the six districts or deaneries of the Diocese is that of Fort Wayne.

This comprises the following counties: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley.

It will be seen that this district includes much more than the City of Fort Wayne itself. A partial list of other cities follows: Angola, Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo, Arcola, New Haven, Shelden, Monroeville, Decatur, Geneva, Bluffton, Huntington, Columbia City, LaOtto, Ege, Avilla, Kendallville, Ligonier, and Rome City.

The correspondent of this district is:

Miss Helen May Irwin,
Journal-Gazette,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Pastors, parish organizations and responsible individuals are invited to send items of interest to Miss Irwin, or directly to the Diocesan Editor.

News items coming from those not on our staff of correspondents must be prepared in the way in which the writer wishes the article to appear and signed with the full name and address of the person sending it. News intended for publication must reach us not later than Tuesday morning preceding the date of issue. This early printing date is necessary because of the large number of copies of the Diocesan and National editions that must be printed each week.

Next week we will list the counties included in the South Bend District.

THE REV. AQUINAS KNOFF,
Diocesan Editor,
OUR SUNDAY VISITOR,
Huntington, Indiana.

NORTHERN IRELAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DENIED STATE AID

$2,500,000 Spent On 606 Protestant Institutions—Only $35,000 On 700 Catholic Schools—Plea Is In Vain—Grants Withheld.

Dublin—While the Protestants in Southern Ireland, who once professed to fear "Rome Rule" and injustice in the event of self-government, are now, after ten years' experience of government by an overwhelming Catholic majority, loud in their recognition of the generous treatment meted out to them in all matters, and especially in that of education, the Orange Government of Northern Ireland continues to provoke the protests of the Catholic minority against serious injustice inflicted upon them, and against the disabilities to which they are subjected for their religion.

Before Ireland was divided between two governments, one overwhelmingly Catholic and the other mainly Protestant, education under the British regime, though nominally undenominational, was, in practice, purely denominational. Protestants as well as Catholics insisted on religion as of first importance in education. Teachers were chosen because they could teach the tenets of those who appointed them, and of the parents of the children concerned. The school managers were, for the most part, Catholic priests and the clergy of the various denominations.

The Southern Government maintained this system and administers it with perfect equality. The Northern Government, established on the English model, is a virtually secular system. But, of course, neither Protestant nor Catholic would part with their old principle, which indeed they held in common, that religion in education is indispensable. The result in practice in the North is that Protestant schools, teaching the kind of religion they believe in, are favored in the distribution of public educational funds, and that Catholic schools, which desire, above all things, to continue the teaching of the Catholic Faith, must suffer financially for doing it.

Public Grants Withheld

In the Senate of the Northern Parliament, Senator Campbell, King's Counsel and a leading Ulster Catholic lawyer, has just pleaded in vain for official recognition of the claims of Catholics to a share of the grants provided by the State for the building and upkeep of public elementary schools. Since 1923, he said, more than $2,500,000 had been expended upon building and reconstruction of 606 Protestant schools, while no similar aid, save for a trifle of about $35,000, had been given to 700 Catholic schools.

Viscount Charlemont, the Northern Minister for Education, said he could see no Catholic grievance, and declared that Northern Catholics are better off in this regard than they would be in England, or any other part of the British Commonwealth, except the Irish Free State. Which means that where the Catholics are in a majority the Protestants are given fair play and a square deal; where the Protestants are dominant, the Catholics must pay for their religion as if it were an unnecessary luxury.

Fr. J. F. Donovan, C.M., Of Kenrick Seminary, Is Honored On Jubilee

Webster Grove, Mo.—As a tribute to the Rev. Joseph P. Donovan, C. M., of Kenrick Seminary, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, a Solemn High Mass was sung in the Chapel of All Saints, at Webster College, here, at the request of the Mother Superior and the Sisters of the College.

The Very Rev. C. L. Souvay, C. M., president of Kenrick College, was the celebrant of the Mass. The jubilarian was present in the sanctuary. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Peter J. Dooley, pastor of Holy Redeemer church, here.

Papal Letter Read In French Chamber

Paris—The essential passages of the Sovereign Pontiff's letter appealing for a charitable crusade to combat the disasters of unemployment were read in the Chamber of Deputies during a discussion of the unemployment crisis in France. The orator who cited the letter was Henri Meck, deputy from the Lower Rhine, secretary general of the Federation of Independent Unions of Alsace and Lorraine.

M. Meck asked the Chamber to be inspired by the noble words to work to help all those who are suffering so terribly during the present crisis. The Pope's message of charity was applauded heartily.

American Rector

The Rev. Paschal Kinsel, O.F.M., American priest, who has become Rector of the famous College of the Holy Land in Jerusalem. Father Paschal was formerly Vice Commissary at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D. C.

Maternity Bill Is Re-Introduced In New Congress

Washington—The maternity and infancy legislation called for in the much-discussed Jones-Cooper Bill in the last Congress of the United States is proposed in virtually the same words in a bill which Representative Bankhead of Alabama has introduced in this, the first session of the Seventy-Second Congress. Mr. Bankhead's measure provides that "the United States shall co-operate with the States in promoting the general health of the rural population of the United States and the welfare and hygiene of mothers and children."

When hearings on this legislation were held by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House, last January, a communication expressing opposition to the bill was introduced from the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and another, also opposing, from F. P. Kenkel, Director of the Central Bureau of the Catholic Central Verein of America.

Dr. William C. Woodward, for the American Medical Association, declared the bill sought "to re-establish legislation that failed utterly and will fail again." Dr. Woodward also declared that "the most effective health work in the country is done by organizations and interests on the ground where the work is carried on; that outside interference, instead of promoting efficiency leads to a weakening of the interest, and very generally leads to inefficiency." He asserted that after seven years of Federal aid in maternity infancy hygiene provided by the Sheppard-Towner Act, States "were as bad off or worse off at the end than they were in the beginning."

Polish Body Of 15,000 Affiliates With the N.C.C.W., N.C.C.M.

Washington.—The Polish Association of America has become affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Men, it was announced here recently. The affiliation is the result of a unanimous vote of the officers and directors of the Association taken at a meeting just held.

The Polish Association of America is a Catholic fraternal insurance organization founded on church societies, with home offices at Milwaukee. Its present membership of 15,000 represents about 200 groups of men, women and children in various states, including Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Catholic Is Selected Illinois Appointee To West Point From 300

Chicago. — W. Arthur Joyce, a Freshman at DePaul University, has been chosen from 300 other aspirants for the 1931 Illinois appointment to West Point.

The young man won a scholarship to DePaul at the Fort Sheridan Military Training Camp last summer and at that time also won first prize as the best student. In 1930 he won first prize in a contest for the best essay on citizenship.

BISHOP CELEBRANT OF MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Pontifical Services Friday At Cathedral—Elaborate Musical Program — All Parishes Observe the Feast Solemnly.

Midnight Masses in five of the Fort Wayne parishes usher in the great Feast of the Nativity of Our Savior on December 25. The Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, is celebrant of the solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and gives the sermon. At the same hour the Rev. Basil Didier, C. PP. S., of the Church of the Most Precious Blood; the Rev. Henry A. Hoerstman, St. Andrew's church; the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, of St. Joseph's, and the Rev. Michael A. Petzold of St. Hyacinth's, celebrate Midnight Masses. In each of the other Fort Wayne parishes solemn High Masses at 5 o'clock are announced. The initial sermons will be given by the respective pastors and late Masses followed by benediction of the most blessed Sacrament, closing the day's solemnities.

One of the most elaborate musical programs at the Cathedral is arranged for Christmas under direction of Prof. Roch E. Magnan, organist and choir master. A choir of 65 voices will give a magnificent rendition of Charles Gounod's "Messe Solennelle", in honor of St. Cecilia. With Mrs. Charles Freistroffer as soloist 200 school children will sing Christmas carols at midnight taking their places in front of the church. A vested choir will take a leading part.

"Catholic Hour" Ranked High By The Radio Listeners

Washington—In the latest annual contest conducted by the Kansas City Star to determine by vote of its readers the most popular radio programs on its own Station, WDAF, the Catholic Hour won fourth place among all broadcasts and third place among purely National offerings. This information has been received at the headquarters here of the National Council of Catholic Men, which sponsors the Hour, presented every Sunday on 52 stations of the National Broadcasting Company.

Second in popularity among the Star's readers were "Amos and Andy," taking part in a commercial program, first place having been voted to a local Protestant service. Third place was taken by "Seth Parker."

Of the first four most popular programs, three were of religious character. This is regarded as evidence that there is a general interest in religion among radio listeners. In the first 65 favorites of Station WDAF's audiences were a program under the auspices of a Protestant church in Kansas City, and two national Protestant broadcasts. They stood respectively sixteenth, twenty-fourth and forty-second in the list.

Nearly 22,000 votes were cast by the Star's readers in deciding the contest.

Priest Willing To Lead Group of Unemployed In Trek to Washington

Pittsburgh.—The Rev. Dr. James R. Cox, pastor of St. Patrick's church, here, and noted benefactor of the poor, has disclosed that he is willing to lead a group of unemployed men to Washington for the purpose of impressing upon the Federal authorities the necessity for immediate action in relieving the unemployed by furnishing them with jobs.

Father Cox declared that the purpose of his participation in the parade would be "to save the demonstration from being branded as the work of Communists or Reds."

According to Father Cox, January 5 has been set as the date for the march to begin.

Hospice For Japanese Men Is Established By Maryknoll In Seattle

Seattle, Wash.—A home for Japanese men has been opened at the Maryknoll Mission here known as "St. Joseph's Hospice." This new venture was undertaken by the Maryknoll Mission Director, the Rev. John C. Murrett, M. M., of Buffalo, N. Y., at the urgent request of the Japanese Association of Seattle.

The CATHOLIC WORLD through the CAMERA

Basilica Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all parts of Mexico flocked to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on the outskirts of Mexico City, for the celebration, held from December 1 to 12, to mark the fourth centenary of the Apperition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This picture shows but a portion of the huge throng gathered outside the Basilica on December 12th, awaiting an opportunity to enter the church. Thousands of pilgrims were at the Basilica long before dawn, and large groups of Indians from the interior of Mexico spent the night near the Basilica that they might be among the first to take part in the day's celebrations.

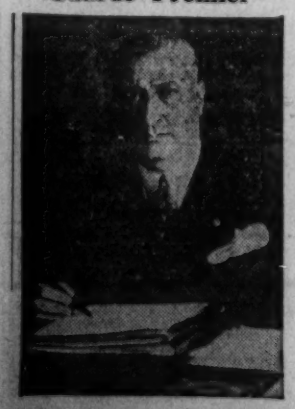
New President of Gonzaga College

The Rev. Pius L. Moore, S. J., left, former Vice-President of the University of San Francisco, who has been named President of Gonzaga College, the institution of higher learning opened in Shanghai, China, by the American Jesuits of the Province of California. The Rev. John A. Lennon, S. J., right, former Vice-President of the University of Santa Clara, is a member of the faculty of the new college.

Macaroni Lines

In America we have our "bread lines." In China they have their macaroni lines, conducted by missionaries who are now faced with the problem of feeding thousands of victims of the famine.

Guards Premier



Arturo Bochini is one man Premier Mussolini obeys. He is chief of Italy's secret service and police and upon him rests the responsibility of keeping the Premier safe.

Must Wear It

The strange terms of her father's will compel Signorina Almirante to spend one week of each year garbed practically as a nun. She spends her time while dressed thus at her father's old country home.

STRANGE BUT TRUE CATHOLIC FACTS BUT LITTLE KNOWN

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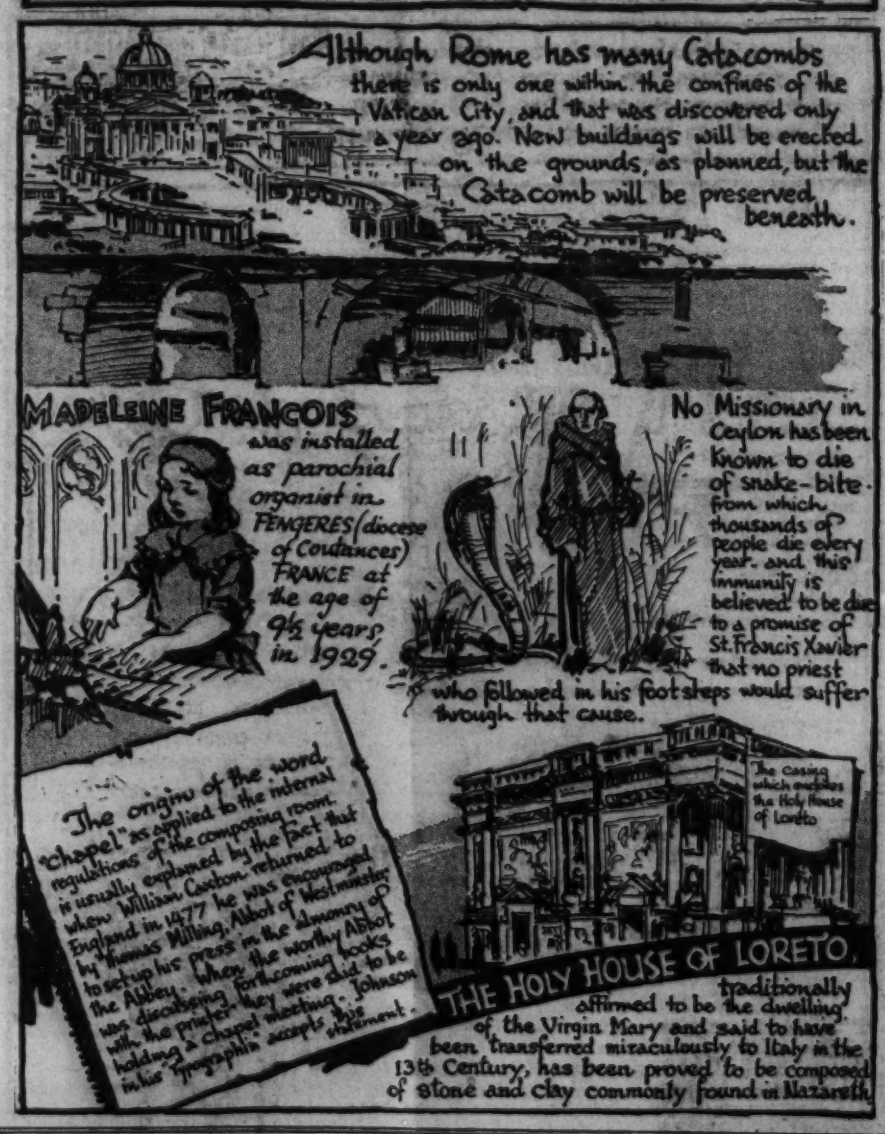

ATLANTA—Good old Joel Chandler Harris, known to millions as "Uncle Remus," has been dead for more than twenty years, but his name appears immortal. Appearance of a new book about him by his daughter-in-law, Julia Collier Harris, has revived interest in Georgia's genial journalist and there is reported to be a great demand for his "Br'er Rabbit" stories. With Howell and Grady he ranks as one of Georgia's literary geniuses.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS

SOME CLASS

"What class of people live the longest?"

"Centenarians, I believe."

BERLIN—Germany faces a winter full of anxiety. Were it not for the velvet hand but iron will of Heinrich Bruening, who has shown himself master of many difficult situations, the nation would seem to be on the threshold of disaster. But with Bruening helping to run the ship of state there is a note of optimism. Bruening is intelligent, capable and firm. Hitler is reported to have made gestures inviting Vatican approval but Hitlerism and Communism, so eminent statesmen declare, are Germany's most dangerous foes. As long as Bruening is around to fight them the republic feels safe.

HEINRICH BRUENING

LONDON—Not in many moons has a book aroused the interest in literary and political circles that a new biography of King Albert of Belgium has aroused. Heretofore the popular ruler was pictured as a great humanitarian. In this book he is shown to have been an exceedingly capable army tactician, a general who knew the limitations of his forces, who knew how and when to advance and where to retreat. With a king of weaker timber in command the result of the war might have been different.

KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

Woman's intuition isn't so impressive when she is deciding which way to turn in traffic.

Very Informal

Ceremony and formal dress is disposed with when Father Lang, M. S. C., a missionary among the islanders of Papua, Oceania, [illegible] a cannibal chief who asks for more missionaries. There are 17,000 Catholics in Papua and in one year there were 1,000 adult baptisms and almost as many infant baptisms.

Ready For Festival

Americans don't have to cross the ocean to Africa to see strange Catholics. In Guatemala these Indians are all dressed up for the festival of one of their favorite saints.

Observes Anniversary

The Most Rev. Anthony J. Schuler, S. J., Bishop of El Paso, Texas, who recently observed the forty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus. The Bishop has been a priest for more than thirty years and has been Bishop of El Paso since 1915.

Crack Shot

BABE RUTH

Babe Ruth proves he is a crack rifle shot by bagging a deer on one of the first days of his hunting expedition into North Carolina.

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He Thanks God For His Conversion

Address By His Grace Mar Ivanios, Archbishop Of Bethany, On The Occasion Of The First Anniversary Of His Renunion With The Catholic Church

My Lord Archbishops,
Bishops and Rev. Fathers,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is no doubt a unique occasion that so many distinguished prelates of the Catholic Church are gathered here in the midst of an intensely schismatic population to take part in and bless our celebration of the 15th centenary of the Synod of Ephesus and the first anniversary of our Reunion. It is on account of my conviction that the truths proclaimed by the Synod of Ephesus have a fundamental bearing on the forces that operated to bring about our return to the Catholic Church, that these two celebrations have been combined. The Synod of Ephesus is a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, proclaiming to all the world the unassailable Dogmas of the Oneness of the Church's Faith and Creed, and the unique position of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, in the economy of the redemption of our fallen race, and the universally-accepted supremacy of the "Reesh-Patriarch", the "Rab-Patriarch" (the Head and Chief of the Patriarchs).

From early days, it was admitted on all hands that the successor of St. Peter in the See of Rome was the universal Bishop of the Church, and the Vicar of Christ upon earth. No man, sincerely believing in the Divine Maternity of our Lady and trusting in her guidance, can long remain outside the pale of the Catholic Church, where alone we have the unity of the faith.

Asked To Relate His Spiritual Experiences

In the course of your introductory remarks, Your Excellency announced that you expect me to speak of my spiritual experiences and of the heavenly graces bestowed upon me in the past. It is not without reluctance that I stand before this august assembly, and attempt to say a few words regarding the spiritual benefits, the good Lord vouchsafed to me. Today is a day of thanksgiving. For the last nine days, we have had several spiritual exercises intended to thank God for all His bountiful mercies in the past, and to prepare for the accomplishment of the stupendous task that lies before us—of bringing back into the True Fold the great schismatic population of this country. Our celebrations culminate this day under the distinguished presidentships of Your Excellencies the Archbishops of Verapoly and Ernakulam and with the kind co-operation of the illustrious Prelates present here.

It is by the wonderful guidance of the Holy Spirit that I found my way into the Catholic Church.

The Church of Christ is the ark of salvation for all mankind. It is the Kingdom of God founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, God-incarnate, as a visible society, unique in its fitness to comprise all nations, extending to all regions, enduring for all times. It is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. It is the Pillar and Ground of Truth. This society which Our Lord founded is One and Indivisible, Holy and Indefectible, Catholic and All-embracing, Apostolic and Historic. The center of the unity of this visible society is the institution of the Papacy, which Our Lord Himself founded, choosing St. Peter as the first Pope—the rock on which the superstructure was to be built in time to come.

Your Excellency, it took me over a quarter of a century to discover this truth, so plain and patent. I started life as a staunch Jacobite, believing and upholding absolutely and with all my heart, the tenets and traditions of the schismatic church. A study of the beginnings of Christianity led me to question the position of the Jacobite Church. It has valid Sacraments and Apostolic tradition. But I perceived that it did not possess the four marks of the True Church as defined in the Nicene Creed, which I recited day by day.

Says His Church Lacked Something

Besides, the Jacobite Church lacked something which seemed essential to the very frame-work of Christianity. I had to grope for a long time to discover that "Something." I looked about to find it in other communions, spending sleepless nights, praying to God for light. I made inquiries, and with a view to finding out the spirit of the different Oriental Churches, got into touch with several Theologians and Dignitaries of the Eastern Communions. But in none could I discover that "Something" which I was searching after. At last I was led by the Holy Spirit to perceive that that "Something" was the divinely established center of unity for the Church, namely, the Papacy. I perceived that the Papacy was not only the Rock, the foundation, but also the apex of the centralization of the church. "Attu Kipho. Al' Hode Kipho Ebne l'Eathu (Thou art cephas (Rock) and on this Cephas (Rock) I will build My Church.) St. Matthew xvi, 18. And when I realized this truth, I found that the Church which had the Pope as its head, possessed all the four marks as well.

Simultaneously with the above-said quest, I was making a humble effort to discipline myself in the Religious life, for which I had an irresistible craving from my childhood. But as Your Excellency is aware, there were no Religious Congregations in the Jacobite Church, and I had to think of finding out ways and means of satisfying my aspirations.

Study Of Religious Communities

My study of early Christianity helped me to appreciate the sanctity and beauty of the lives of men dedicated to God in the Religious life. I thought that the model of St. Basil, the great founder of organized monastic life in the East, would satisfy the aspirations of an Oriental mind; but I continued my study of the lives of other saints, both eastern and western. If I found St. Basil laying great stress upon Religious Chastity (interpreted widely) as the foundation of the monastic life, St. Francis of Assisi seemed pointing out to Holy Poverty as its basis, and St. Ignatius Loyola seemed teaching that Religious Obedience, which seems living in the closest possible union with God, enabling the perfect accomplishment of His Holy Will, was the be-all and end-all of the means of attaining perfection. St. Benedict, however, regarded Stability as so fundamental to the Religious state as to make it one of the four vows of Religions. And as if to crown all, came St. Francis de Sales, teaching that the sanctification of the common actions of every day life was indispensable to the attainment of sanctity in the Religious life—nay, in any life.

I felt myself drawn by special ties of admiration and veneration for these saints, and craved for the heavenly joy of communion with them. I found out that that joy was unattainable so long as I stayed away from *that* Church which had produced and nurtured them. From outside, I could only admire. But as my admiration grew into love, I decided to prostrate at their feet and implore them to obtain for me the Grace that I might become their own child and be in the fullest communion with them in the Mother Church. Your Excellency, this, briefly, is the story of my conversion.

Revealed His Mind To The Holy Father

Naturally, I took steps to inform the Holy See of the thirst of my soul to be received into the unity of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father, so full of solicitude for the return of the erring children, received me with open arms into the embrace of his loving bosom, recognizing the validity of my consecration, and keeping me in my office and jurisdiction, and graciously allowing me to remain in my own Rite. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Msgr. Mooney, the then Delegate Apostolic of the East Indies, was in Rome at about the time of my submission; and the Holy Father most benevolently sent a message to me and to all those who followed me into the Catholic Church, extending to us "A WELCOME, A BIG WELCOME." His Holiness graciously uttered these words in English. The Heart of our Lord beats in the heart of the Catholic Church, and the love of God is radiated through the love that subsists in her bosom. The affectionate embrace with which the Holy Father welcomed me is, no doubt, a symbol of the love that palpitates in the Sacred Heart of Our Blessed Lord. In this connection, I recall to mind with the deepest gratitude the great help rendered by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Msgr. Mooney, in facilitating our reception. I must say with no less gratitude that in His Excellency, the present Apostolic Delegate also, I have met with the same paternal regard and unbounded affection. God is glorified in his representatives upon earth.

The 20th of September, 1930, is a memorable day in my life. For, it was on that day I had the happiness of making my submission to the Vicar of Christ. I found that a void had been filled in my soul. This is the experience of others also. Since then, the merciful Lord deigned to use me and His Excellency, Mar Theophilos, as His humble instruments for bringing several of his erring children into the True Church. Schism is a horrible sin. It has inflicted many wounds in the Mystical Body of Our Lord Jesus. What a blessed privilege it is that the good Lord deigns to use us, unworthy as we are, to heal those wounds.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to thank publicly, on this occasion, Your Excellencies the Archbishops and Bishops of Malabar present here, as well as the Venerable Prelates of other parts of India, for so cordially welcoming us into the ranks of the Catholic hierarchy and for the helps, so readily rendered.

I must also thank the Religious and the secular clergy and the faithful for their great interest in our humble mission.

Let me, again, avail myself of this occasion to give expression to the sentiments of deep gratitude to the Venerable Prelates and the devout Catholics elsewhere also, who have in any way helped us.

Responsible For Many Other Conversions

Within the last 12 months 30 priests, 6 clerics, 2 Religious Congregations and over 3500 schismatics and about 300 pagans have come into the Church. Moreover, I have received about 200 petitions from congregations, large or small, from different parts of the country, praying that churches be erected and priests provided, to enable them to make their submission to the True Faith. About 170 of these are from the Jacobites and the remainder are from the Mar Thomites. For lack of funds, however, it has not been possible to meet their demands. But I am sure that in God's own time and way, the wherewithal will be provided for bringing our schismatic brethren and the pagans of this country into the True Fold of Christ.

But the fruits thus far gathered have not been obtained without suffering. At first the Jacobites refused to believe that the Holy See had recognized our Rite; and when they realized that it was really recognized and that the reunited Prelates were kept in their jurisdiction, they became very apprehensive about the future of their church, and began to use all kinds of means to prevent conversions to the Catholic Faith, and even started to persecute those who had come over to us. The poor Archbishop of Bethany was not left out either. On one occasion, while he was going on a mission tour, they hoisted a black flag, and they hooted him in several places.

Once fanatics stopped him and offered a bribe of Rs. 500—to the driver, for taking him across a precipice. The Archbishop on hearing this, remarked to his secretary, that they had valued his life at Rs. 500!

It is the faithful that had to suffer much persecution owing to the fact that the reunited are only a very small minority in the midst of a predominant schismatic population. The method of persecution took various forms, and one of them was social ostracism, attempted in many places. In this country, as Your Excellency knows, the barbers and the dhobies form separate professional castes, without whose services, life would be intolerable here. The fanatical Jacobites in one place devised the ingenious plan of forbidding the barber of a village to shave the converts. By shaving is meant, not shaving the face alone, but the head also, which is a common custom in this country. One morning the Archbishop was told that when a barber had half shaven one of his newly converted Catholics, a few fanatics snatched away the barber and the poor man was left in a very awkward predicament. The Archbishop at once sent word that he would himself complete the work left half-done by the barber. When this news spread in the village, there were no more practical jokes of this sort, and conversions have increased in that locality.

Your Excellency these little sufferings have wonderfully strengthened the Catholic cause, and I can assure you that every convert, man and woman, is now an enthusiastic missionary. The history of the Apostolic times is now being repeated on a humble scale in our midst. Our poverty and our sufferings have helped to bring down upon us great blessings from God.

Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen, do unite with us in chanting praises to God for all the wonderful mercies He has vouchsafed to us during the last one year. I beg of you to continue to pray for me and my brother Bishop Mar Theophilos, and for all the reunited, and for the conversion of all the schismatics and pagans of this country. We need the help of your prayers very, very much.

THE HOLY FATHER'S OWN AMERICAN SEMINARY

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, recently blessed the new buildings of the Pontifical College Josephinum and formally accepted them as the property of the Holy See. Above are shown the seminary wing, the administration building, and the college wing of the entirely new plant, erected ten miles north of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. F. A. Ludewig of St. Louis was the architect of the project, which was erected in the Flemish Renaissance style at a cost of $1,500,000.00. The new buildings have an expanse of approximately 700 feet, and a depth of almost 400 feet. The Josephinum, comprising the full twelve-year course of study for the priesthood, is represented by alumni in seventy dioceses of the United States. As a Pontifical institution it belongs directly to the Holy Father, a distinction shared by only two other seminaries in the world.

THERESA NEUMANN SERIES TO BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK

The series of articles dealing with Theresa Neumann is interrupted by the omission of this week's installment, but will be resumed in our next issue. The article is omitted this week because the editorial matter of this issue is devoted to but one subject.

The articles on the Mass and the Leaflet Missal will also be continued next week.

O. S. V. Outlook

"And how his audit stands, who knows, save Heaven."—Shakespeare.

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One of the things difficult to explain is that most people are wholly incompetent to take a correct audit of their own spiritual business.

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It is customary even for men who operate a wordly business to invite an expert accountant from the outside to conduct an audit of their business.

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The purpose of an audit, of course, is to ascertain the status of the business, to find mistakes and weak spots if there have been any, to determine the value of invested securities, to take note of depreciation, etc.

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It is the same with the person who is ill physically. He seldom diagnoses his own case, even though he be a physician. The man who is not well, usually knows something about it, but he does not pretend to be his own judge nor his own physician.

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Strangely this same outside help is needed if one is expected to form a correct idea of his own spiritual condition. Those who are good advisers to others in a spiritual way often need spiritual guidance themselves. Everyone who has made a serious retreat will have learned the helpfulness of a probing on the part of another, if one's own true spiritual condition is to be discovered.

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In speaking of an audit at the close of the year, we are speaking of a spiritual audit, of an audit of your particular account with God. This year of business depression and gloom should have been a year rich in spiritual earnings, and therefore a happy year.

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But even Catholics, knowing so well how to earn for life everlasting, are influenced by the carelessness, indifference, and lack of spiritual guidance in those among whom they mingle. They forget about the spiritual realities in their quest for material realities.

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Faith teaches very clearly that our attitude should be quite the opposite; that we should hope to receive material realities by striving first for spiritual realities. Our first duty is to our God; our second duty is to our eternal interests; our third duty is to our material interests in this world. If we place the last first we are likely to have realized in us our Saviour's threat that in the order of our salvation we shall be last.

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In your audit this year strive to bring to account your spiritual condition so that you may be better prepared to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice", so that "all other things will be added unto you."

How A Convert Valued His Faith

Werner, the great German dramatist, at the age of forty-two became not only a Catholic, but a priest. His writings show he regarded the religion he embraced as the chief blessing of his life, and that he clung to it as the anchor of his soul. In reply to a rumor that he intended returning to Protestantism, he said: "It is as impossible that a soul in bliss should return into the grave, as that a man who, like me, after a life of error and search, has found the priceless jewel of truth, should. I will not say give up the same, but hesitate to sacrifice for it blood and life, nay, many things perhaps far dearer with joyful heart, when the one good cause is concerned."

Editorially Speaking

The Editorials appearing in this column are written or selected by the Diocesan Editor.

(Editor's Note.—Here is a comment, from the Religious Bulletin of Notre Dame University, upon a bit of scientific dogmatism. The incident itself is insignificant, but it is only one of many. Father O'Hara's analysis and comment can well be applied to much of the supposed scientific stuff daily broadcast in many popular newspapers.)

A DUMMY BETWEEN TWO MUMMIES.

We dislike to take Dr. Breasted to task. His age, his years of hard work in the field of archeology, and the very dignity of his profession demand respect. But he has gone beyond the range of decency in his recent utterances at the dedication of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, and his impertinence should not pass unrebuked. We take it that he was quoted correctly in the papers; a week has passed since his speech was reported and no letter of correction has appeared. The offensive passage reads:

"Not projected from the outside into a world of unworthy men by some mystic process which our old school theologians call inspiration or revelation, but springing out of man's own life, illumining the darkness of social disillusionment and inner conflict, a glorious vindication of the worth of man, the dawn of the age of conscience and character broke upon the world, a historically datable event, about 2,000 B. C."

To illustrate his thesis (or perhaps to prove it—for he gives no other evidence to save himself from the charge of gratuitous assumption) he cites two exhibits. One is a collection of painted limestone figures taken from the tomb of a cemetery official of 5,000 years ago; they represent his household "engaged in grinding flour, mixing and making bread, brewing beer, slaughtering cattle and poultry and cooking them," and so forth. The other is an inscription inside a coffin "containing the earliest intimations that happiness in the next world will be dependent on worthy moral conduct in this world." He dates the mummy of this coffin perhaps 500 years later than the cemetery official. Then he adds:

"Today you may walk between these two cases in the museum and, standing there, contemplate the original evidences, the actual tokens of the supreme transition in the life of man in its rise from savagery to civilization; the first defeat of materialism—the earliest dawn of conscience, the discovery of character, the emergence of social idealism. This tremendous transition went on as a process entirely independent of religion. It transformed religion, however, for it brought forth for the first time a god of brotherly kindness. While men lived as tillers of the soil they discerned only a god of fertility; when the state arose and men caught their first vision of a supreme personality they called their god a king. Then when society developed and the friction and ferment of social struggle had taught men kindness and forbearance, they saw a god of character and of brotherly kindness whom they called 'the good shepherd,' two thousand years before the Good Shepherd of Christian faith."

By that same process of reasoning we can prove that Herbert Hoover never existed. Let us suppose a scene in the Attic Archeological Congress of A. D. 6,931. Dr. Procopius Pretzelbender has just read his paper on President Hoover and the Moratorium of 1931. He is receiving the plaudits of his learned colleagues when Dr. Adolphus Windbag arises, gravely adjusts his spectacles, and announces: "It hurts me more than it hurts Dr. Pretzelbender, but I must denounce him as a fraud. There was never such a man as Herbert Hoover. I have here a cook book of the year 1931, and I find in it not a single mention of Herbert Hoover, not so much as a fried chicken, a cocktail, or a leaf of lettuce named for him."

Dr. Breasted and his fellow-agnostics have spent millions of dollars excavating in Africa and the Levant in a vain attempt to disprove the historical character of the Scriptures. What they have succeeded in doing is to confirm, bit by bit, the claims of the Bible to authenticity. Dr. Breasted's own collection will confirm the language, the topography, the geography of the Mosaic account. Was Moses deceived? The thought is impossible if you read his account attentively. Could he have deceived the Jews? Could he have had a motive for so doing? Impossible. And Moses tells us where the soul began and where character began. God lets people make fools of themselves when they are too wrapped in their own conceit. Dr. Breasted should stick to his shovel and let clearer heads interpret the mummies he unearths.

Dying Policeman Asks Brother, A Priest, To Pray For Man He Slew

San Francisco.—"Father, please say a prayer for the man I shot."

Near death from bullet wounds and preparing to receive the Last Sacraments from his brother, a priest, Police Officer William Manning, 26, made this plea for the bandit he had killed.

The dead bandit was George Rankin, alias George Purcell, a former street car conductor.

Dr. George K. Rhodes, assistant chief of the emergency hospital service, operated on the policeman just after his brother, Father Joseph Manning, had administered the last rites.

Boys Defending Faith As Outdoor Speakers

London—Nine boys still attending Preston Catholic College have been granted certificates authorizing them to speak from the street-corner platform of the Catholic Evidence Guild. Some of them have already made several public appearances.

The certificates, which are awarded only after examination, gave permission to speak only on the subjects covered by the examination. In this way the Guild maintains the standard of its speakers.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT NEWS

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Fort Wayne Brevities

—"The Call," a play written by the Rev. Francis A. Sheridan, Fort Wayne, and given here with considerable success by the Catholic Community Center Players, has been patronized by large audiences for several weeks in Chatham, Ontario. A company is now being organized to present the play in Paincourt, Canada.

—Election of officers in the Blessed Virgin Sodality, St. John the Baptist parish, Fort Wayne, was conducted on Sunday, resulting as follows: Miss Caroline Holz, president; Miss Mary Angela Berkey, vice-president; Miss Irene Cron, secretary; Miss Mary Nolan, treasurer.

—The ladies of the Rosary Society of St. Patrick's church, Arcola, will serve an oyster supper in the parish auditorium at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday, December 30, to which the public is invited. There will also be a bingo stand on which poultry and other prizes will be awarded.

—Frank Hohl, 39, a well-known resident of Waterloo and a brother-in-law of the Rev. John A. Dapp, pastor of St. Jude's church, Fort Wayne, died December 8 at his home, following an extended period of ill health. He was a member of St. Michael's church, Summit, and the Holy Name Society. He is survived by the wife and four children; one sister, Miss Mary Hohl of Fort Wayne. The funeral was held from St. Michael's church, where solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Father Dapp. He was assisted by the Rev. Alfred Reinig, Fort Wayne; the Rev. John A. Bapst, Bluffton; the Rev. Theodore V. Fettig, Monroeville; and the Rev. Gustave Hottenroth, pastor.

—As the result of an outbreak of mumps and colds at St. Vincent's Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, the annual Christmas entertainment scheduled for Sunday, December 20, was postponed until the recovery of the children. Sister Rigoberta, superior of the Poor Handmaids in charge of the institution, has secured January 3 as a tentative date at the Community Center for the program.

—A novel holiday social function is scheduled in Fort Wayne on Wednesday night, December 30, when a grand mid-winter snowball frolic will be held at the Catholic Community Center auditorium. An immense cotton snowball will be the center decoration, the arrangement including smaller snowballs and icicles. Beginning at 9:00 o'clock Ross Franklin's "Waco" orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

Preceding the dance a number of dinner parties will be served in the private dining room of the Center at hours arranged for by the various groups. The dance is open to the public and indications are that it will be largely patronized.

—Funeral services for J. Edmund Landgraf, 23, of 2822 Lillie street, Fort Wayne, who died at St. Joseph's hospital at 12:45 o'clock Thursday morning, were held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. Peter's church, the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector, officiating. Mr. Landgraf, who had been ill about six months, was employed by Kuhne & Company, abstractors, for the last six years. He was born and reared in Fort Wayne, received his education at St. Peter's school, was a member of St. Peter's church, the Holy Name Society, Sacred Heart League and the parish choir. Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Amelia Landgraf; a brother, Carl; and two sisters, Misses Marie and Cecilia Landgraf, all at home. The father, John Landgraf, died several years ago.

—Miss Alice Christle, 71, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of a nephew, Thomas Christle, 2245 Piqua Ave., Fort Wayne, after an illness of about six weeks. Her death was the result of a heart attack. Miss Christle made her home here and was employed at the Indiana State school. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Victory Circle No. 246, Daughters of Isabella. Surviving are two brothers, Edward Christle of Wabash and Thomas Christle of Urbana, and several nieces and nephews. The body was removed to Lagro, where funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's church followed by interment in the Catholic cemetery.

—Annual election of officers in the Precious Blood Parish Athletic Association, Fort Wayne, resulted as follows: Jerome Kohrman, president, re-elected; William Schenkel, vice-president, re-elected; Clarence Wyatt, recording secretary; Vincent Murphy, financial secretary; C. J. Sterling, treasurer, were re-elected.

—Featured by the annual election of officers and an address by the Rev. George A. Hasser, rector of St. Mary's church, Fort Wayne, the quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society of the parish was held Thursday night, December 17, in the school assembly room. George M. Deininger, who successfully served two terms as president, declined re-election and was succeeded by Gregory Lauer. Joseph C. Smith is the new vice-president; Lawrence J. Lauer, secretary; Herbert Wunderlin, treasurer, were returned to office. Louis Schirmeyer and John Hartman, consultors, were re-elected; August Lampke and Edward F. Parrot are the newly-elected consultors. Attendance at the meeting was the largest of the year.

—Members of St. Catherine's social service unit, Fort Wayne, of which Miss Catherine Noll is chairman, attended a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. J. Roussey, 1606 Maumee Ave. It was also the occasion of the birthday of Mrs. Roussey, who was presented a gift. The table was appropriately decorated with silver and red poinsettias and candles in crystal holders. Christmas gifts were exchanged and contests appropriate to the season enjoyed.

A food shower was also conducted for the Christmas baskets for the needy. Mrs. John Doyle and Miss Margaret Logan won the contest prizes and Mrs. Adolph Venderley the attendance prize. In the card games, Mrs. Clem Hartman and Julian Romary received the awards for pinochle; Mrs. Thomas Butler and Mrs. Weaver for euchre; Mrs. O. R. Schafer and Mrs. Frank Kendzierski for bunco.

Orphan Guild Will Give Party At St. Vincent's Dec. 27

Under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Klotz, president, plans have been completed by the Catholic Orphans' Guild, Fort Wayne, for a Christmas exchange party for the orphans at St. Vincent's home Sunday afternoon, December 27th. The social affair will be held at 2:30 o'clock and includes a special program of entertainment; also a program by the orphans, community singing of Christmas carols, distribution of gifts and exchanges.

Mrs. Chester Pearson, chairman, and Miss Catherine Cunningham, vice-chairman, will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Frank Kramer, Mrs. James McBennett, Mrs. Albert Moran, Mrs. Will Cunningham, Mrs. Clem Schiefer, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. M. R. Kithcart, Mrs. C. O. Sweeney, Mrs. Anna Guillaume, Mrs. Adele Casterline, Mrs. Joseph Ehinger, Mrs. Fred Mennewisch, Mrs. John Charles, Mrs. Chester Grout, Mrs. John Dietsch, Mrs. Lawrence Strebig, Mrs. Dora Robison, Mrs. Frank Vanderley, Mrs. Clementine Townley, Mrs. J. E. Reidt, Mrs. Irene Sorgen, Mrs. Frank Koch, Mrs. John Gire, Miss Laura Rekers, Miss Evelyn Rekers, Miss Gertrude O'Connor, Miss Anna Scollard and Miss Eleanor Flock.

The special entertainers' program is announced as follows:

Readings: "The Night Ma Heard the Burglar" and "I've Gat the Mumps," Virginia Delagrange.

Vocal Solos: "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," "When I Was Seventeen," "Bon Jour, Mabelle," Helen Junk, vocalist, Luella Junk, accompanist.

Readings: "The Legend of the Christmas Rose" and "Humanity," by James Poinsatte.

Dance Numbers: Helen Webber.

Readings: "Pa Did It" and "Do Doctors Know?" Charles Poinsatte.

Vocal Selections: "Blue Kentucky Moon," "Good Night, Sweetheart," by Donald Ehinger.

Readings: "Santa Claus Proof" and "The Star," Maurice Ehinger.

Songs and readings will be given by a group of the children of St. Vincent's Home.

In response to their letters to the Guild, each child will receive a useful gift that she wanted for another orphan and as a result they will have their initial Christmas exchange party. Candy, popcorn, cookies and balloons will also be distributed. Christmas carols will be sung and a social time enjoyed. Presentation of a substantial check to make purchases for the orphans will be given Sister Rigoberta, the superior of the Poor Handmaids of Christ, by the Catholic Orphans' Guild. A beautiful Christmas tree will be provided for the party and Santa Claus will distribute the gifts.

Sodality Meeting Featured By Debate

An address by the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector and spiritual adviser, and a debate in which six young ladies took part, featured the December meeting of the Blessed Virgin Sodality of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception held Monday night at the Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne. The meeting was one of the largest of the season. Miss Alice Perrey, president, was in charge and Miss Genevieve Henry supplied as secretary; also as chairman of the debate.

Father Conroy, Miss Perrey and Miss Ida Wissman were the judges. The question proposed was: "Resolved That Men Have More Brains Than Women." Miss Geraldine Zuber, who arranged the program, Miss Virginia Litot and Miss Harriet Monnot staunchly defended the affirmative. The negative was sustained by Geraldine Felte, Phyllis Coates and Clara Riegel, who won the debate. Miss Agnes Bressen will have charge of the meeting Tuesday night, December 19th.

The Sodalists decided to send a Christmas present to the Rev. John F. Nadolny of the Cathedral, who is confined to St. Anthony's hospital, Michigan City, as the result of spinal injuries sustained in an auto mishap. Several of the Sodalists volunteered to visit monthly the Catholic girls at Irene Byron sanatorium north of the city.

Nurses Give Annual Christmas Festivity

Student nurses of St. Joseph's Nurses' Training School, Fort Wayne, held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the nurses' home. A novel entertainment was arranged by the committee in charge of the party. There was a gift exchange and the toys later given to the children at St. Joseph's hospital. Santa Claus presented the gifts at the party. Games were played and a luncheon served. More than one hundred student nurses participated in the festivity.

Miss Audrey Robinson, president of the Senior class, Miss Helen Hennegan, secretary, Miss Marguerite Kiefer, president of the intermediate class, and Miss Iris Venderley, president of the Junior class, were in charge of arrangements.

Members of St. Joseph's Nurses' Alumnae Association gave a similar party at the nurses' home on Tuesday night.

First Holy Communion At Sacred Heart A.

One of the happiest and most memorable days at Sacred Heart Academy was the First Holy Communion Day, December 10, of three of its boys, Richard Neeson, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Simons, Lima, Ohio, and Robert Keller, of Fort Wayne.

The impressive event took place in the Academy chapel, the altars of which were artistically decorated with white carnations, snapdragons, and ferns. The Mass, celebrated by the chaplain, the Reverend J. E. Dillon, was attended by many friends and relatives of the communicants. During the Mass, the boys' choir sang appropriate hymns; benediction followed. Immediately following the ceremony, breakfast was served to the boys and their guests.

Fun and entertainment opened the Christmas season at the Academy Sunday afternoon, December 20. Amid a blaze of colored lights, festive decorations and a pretty Christmas tree, the lads entertained an assembly hall filled with enthusiastic guests with a delightful Christmas program. Besides the piano solos, choruses, and recitations, the principal feature of the program was a two-act play entitled "Birthday of the Divine Child," a mission play which met with a hearty applause.

As a grand finale, Santa Claus appeared on the stage and humorously distributed boxes of candy and cracker-jack to all the boys and girls in the audience.

The vacation days at Sacred Heart begin Tuesday afternoon and will close January 6.

875 Children Attend Party At St. Peter's

Approximately 875 children attended the annual Christmas party for the pupils of St. Peter's school, Fort Wayne, Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium. The party opened with a selection by the school orchestra recently organized by Prof. William M. Hammond, parish organist. Under the direction of the Rev. Carl Holsinger, a one-act play, "A Christmas Dream," was presented by the "Charlonians," the young people's club of the parish. Members of the cast included: Colette Mettler, Genevieve Alt, Jerome Manett, John Rodermund, Jerome Moser, Norbert Klingenberger, Frank Hahn and Victor Becker. In behalf of the children Herbert Jones thanked the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector of St. Peter's, and all who contributed to the success of the party. Msgr. Thiele in his address on the festive occasion commented on "The Feast of the Nativity" and its significance.

At the close of the program the students were each presented with a sack containing candy, nuts and a small toy Coco Cola also was furnished through the courtesy of the company. The orchestra favored with several selections during and after the party. The play given by the "Charloniana" was presented on Monday night at the Christmas gift exchange party sponsored by St. Agnes' Young Ladies' Sodality and on Tuesday night at the fortnightly meeting and gift exchange party of the club.

Friends Honor Priest At Christmas Party

Honoring the Rev. Francis A. Sheridan, a group of sixty friends entertained with an enjoyable Christmas party on the mezzanine floor of the Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne, on Thursday night, December 17. Games, dancing and a gift exchange featured the evening's program. The rooms were decorated with Christmas trees and other holiday appointments. An orchestrope provided music. Supper was served at a long table where red and green favors marked the places of the guests. Tall red Christmas tapers illuminated the table.

Father Sheridan was the recipient of an elaborate gift from the guests preceding their gift exchange. The committee in charge of the affair was formed by Edward Horstmann, Alice Friend, Lucille and Clementine Parnin, Meredith Scallan, Robert Waltz, Patrick Cain and Loretto Martin.

St. Patrick's Parish Elections Announced

As a result of the annual election of officers in St. Patrick's parish branch of the Holy Name Society, Fort Wayne, Timothy J. Costello was elected president; Lawrence Mullen, secretary; Robert Muldoon, treasurer.

Members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality received Holy Communion Sunday morning at the 8:00 o'clock Mass and later held a breakfast meeting in St. Patrick's lyceum. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney, rector of St. Patrick's, addressed the assembly. Miss Alice O'Reilly was returned as president; Miss Anna Danehy was elected vice-president; Miss Esther Becker, secretary; Miss Ella Hartnett, treasurer. The consultors named are: Miss Anna McCarthy, Miss Mary Gilmartin, Miss Irene Gordon, Miss Helen Haefling and Miss Teresa Becquette.

Holy Name Election In Cathedral Parish

As a result of the annual election of officers in the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Pat J. Cain was honored as president at the December meeting. Clarence Pion, vice-president; Ervin Schlebecker, financial secretary; Clarence Moulin, recording secretary; Louis J. Voors, treasurer, were returned to office. Banner bearer, librarian, sacristan, two marshals and five consultors will be appointed by the president at the January meeting, when the installation will be conducted by the spiritual adviser, the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector.

Orphans Provided Gifts By K. of C.

In consonance with their annual program of providing gifts for the children of St. Vincent's Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, members of the local Council Knights of Columbus brought their presents to the meeting Monday night. Taken charge of by a special committee, they were later delivered at the orphanage for distribution on Christmas Eve.

Musical Play Given At Cathedral Gym

Arranged by St. Augustine's Academy Musical Society, Fort Wayne, "The Christmas Gimme," a play in which Mary Jane Griebel essayed the popular role of Santa Claus, was presented Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Cathedral school gym, Fort Wayne. "The Troublesome Christmas Present" was played by a number of the students and Christmas carols sung by the Academy glee club.

The cast of characters in the latter production was as follows: Mrs. Price, Ann Abbott; Aunt Ann, Betty J. Peil; Nancy Price, Loretta Temple; Gwendolyn Price, Mary Jane Hilker; Martha, the maid, Mary E. Mettler.

Players in "The Christmas Gimme" included: Evelyn Ley, Daisy Brown, Elizabeth Radu, Mary P. Wendt, Frances Wendt, Marjorie Krock, Mary J. Hilker, Beatrice Benant, Dolores Braun, Angela Dyk, Josephine Balsamo, Lucille Horn, Lucille Boxberger and Eileen Scallan.

Plan For Support Of Church In Spain Is Well Received

Madrid—The Spanish Hierarchy have published a collective Pastoral Letter with a view to bettering the financial status of the Church in Spain, which faces difficulties because of the reduction of State allocations of money for religious purposes below the amount agreed upon by the Concordat, and the prospective complete suppression of these allocations.

The Pastoral has made a good impression upon the faithful, who, to tell the truth, were awaiting it, since they knew the conditions of many priests in the cities and towns.

The Catholic press has made ample comment and stressed the serious obligations of the moment for the Church and her ministry. There is noted a definite spiritual movement: a fervent and decided approval of the opinion of the prelates. These see injustice in the attitude of a State that has seized property unjustly and then refuses to meet its just debts. The Catholics, however, favor a free Church, administered separately from the State. The clergy will cease to be functionaries of the State, a situation that has contributed to the indifference of the people, it is felt by many.

Pope See Harmony Growing Between Religion, Sciences

Vatican City.—Pope Pius said harmony between religion and science was "ever more luminously" confirmed by each new scientific conquest. He spoke at the beginning of a new year for the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, where he conferred awards for scientific works.

The radio was used as an illustration in his remarks and he spoke in a friendly manner of Guglielmo Marconi, mentioning the recent thirtieth anniversary of the first reception of trans-Atlantic wireless signals.

Pope Pius also referred to the opening early this year of the Vatican City radio station which Marconi built and his broadcast which was heard around the world. This work, the Pope added, was "crowned by the publication of a radiophonic newspaper" in periodical broadcasts from the station which the scientific world, he said, appreciated.

"This," said the Pontiff, "was a new demonstration of the harmony between science and religion that each fresh conquest of science ever more luminously confirms, so that one may say that those who speak of the incompatibility of science and religion either make science say that which it never said or make religion say that which it never taught."

THE USUAL JOISTS

Frosh: "What keeps the moon from falling?"

Another Dumbell: "It must be the beams."—The R. O. T. C. Shield.

Jones: "I'm very sorry, old man, but my hen got loose and scratched up your flower bed."

Smith: "That's all right. As a matter of fact my dog ate your hen."

Jones: "Fine! I've just run over your dog with my car."

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Non-Catholics say that the word "rock" means faith in the passage: "Upon this rock I will build my church." What is our answer?

In Matt. xvi. 18, the word ROCK refers to Peter as many fair-minded Protestant commentators admit: Alford, Bloomfield, Keil, Mansel, Marsh, Rosemueller, Seifert, Thompson, Weiss and others. Thompson of Glasgow in his Monatesseron, 194, says, "Peter was the Rock upon which Christ said His Church should be built. To this the scope and connection of the passage agree. There seems to be something forced in every other construction. . . . Protestants have betrayed unnecessary fears, and have therefore, used all the hardihood of lawless criticism in their attempts to reason away the Catholic interpretation."

The early Fathers of the Church often speak of Peter as the Rock. Tertullian writes, "Peter, who is called the Rock whereon the Church was to be built, and who obtained the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." St. Cyprian: "Peter whom the Lord chose as first, and upon whom He built His Church."

The term used by our Lord to name Peter is the same as the term used to designate Rock.

Is there a difference in meaning in the translation as in the King James and Douay versions of the Bible, Acts, Chap. 28, v. 31, the former reading, "no man forbidding", the latter, "without prohibition"?

The difference in translating the last sentence of the Acts existing in the Douay and King James' Versions is a matter of grammatical construction only. The rendition of the Douay "without prohibition" is a very close translation of the Greek word meaning unhindered.

Is palmistry, or the so-called science of palm-reading, a form of superstition?

Assuredly it is.

In explanation we could not offer a better reply than that given sometime ago by the editor of the BOMBAY EXAMINER, who wrote:

As regards palmistry itself, I wonder whether any one really believes in it, unless he is very far gone in superstition of all other sorts as well. The most rudimentary common-sense must realize that the folds in the palm are a result of a purely physical arrangement of matter, just as the crumples of a piece of paper would be if I were to crush it carelessly in my hand. No one could possibly imagine that the mere form and direction of these creases would cause future events, e. g., that I should die of cholera at the age of 69, or that a girl should find her sweetheart treacherous at the age of 18. But the question is: might not those creases be at least a sign; a sort of anticipative record, written in symbolic shapes and directions of lines which certain clever persons can read, just as they could read a manuscript book?

If so, those signs must have been produced by some intelligent agent, arranging the matter of the skin, even before birth, in accordance with a knowledge of the future which that agent possessed in his mind, and which he wished to convey to those among mankind who could hit on the secret of the cypher or code.

Adopting this extremely improbable assumption, who could the agent be? It could either be God, the Creator and Shaper of the universe, or some lower being who possessed supreme control over the arrangement of atoms and molecules, and could operate on all human beings during their formation in the womb, so as to shape each palm differently in accordance with the message to be embodied. As human infants are being produced by thousands every hour, all over the world, it would require a strange ubiquitousness of the agent, or a vast number of sub-agents, to perform the operation in so many places at the same time. In the most attenuated abstract, such a thing would be possible to the transcendental mind and power of God; but it is difficult to imagine such a multiplex and subtle work being deputed by God to swarms of sub-agents, all inspired with the detailed knowledge of the future of each and every baby that was in a state of embryo-growth.

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How many Persons are there in God?

In God there are three Divine Persons.

Name the three Divine Persons.

The First Person is God the Father.
The Second Person is God the Son.
The Third Person is God the Holy Ghost.

Are there not, therefore, three Gods?

The three Divine Persons constitute but one God.

Is not this the same as saying that three are one?

No. The Divine Persons are three, but the Divine nature is one. What is three from one point of view is one from other points of view.

Are all three Divine Persons distinct from one another?

All three Divine Persons are distinct from one another.

Are all three Divine Persons equal?

All three Divine Persons are equal in every respect.

Can I understand how there are three Divine Persons in one God?

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After Dinner Story

WOODEN SPOIL

By Victor Rousseau

SYNOPSIS

Hilary Askew, a young American forester, inherits a tract of timber land in Canada from his uncle, and when he goes to claim his inheritance finds that Mr. Morris and Mr. Brousseau, the men whom his uncle had employed, are unfriendly toward him. They wish to buy the land from him, at a very low price, but he refuses. Arriving at his lumber camp he meets Lafe Connell, foreman, whom he likes and trusts.

On a tour of his lumber camp Hilary finds evidence of future trouble with two lumbermen, Black Pierre and Leblanc, henchmen of Brousseau and Morris. He also meets Father Lucien in whom he finds an ally. Morris is found to be dishonest, and Hilary asks for his resignation. On leaving the office Morris tells the men that they are discharged. Hilary sees Lafe leaving, but brings him back to the camp. Mr. Rosny, the seigneur, accuses Hilary of breaking the terms of his lease. He tries to reason with Mr. Rosny, but he refuses to listen.

Hilary finds Pierre on his land and a fight ensues in which the former overcomes his opponent. Brousseau visits the office and threatens Askew.

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CHAPTER XIII
BROUSSEAU DECLARES WAR

"War's declared," said Hilary to himself, with relief, as he settled himself in his chair.

War was declared, and Hilary suspected that Brousseau was already upon the war-path when, half an hour later, he saw the buggy whirl past the office again. Madeleine Rosny had driven Brousseau from the Chateau in the direction of Ste. Marie, and there was no reason why he should be returning with her unless he had already been planning mischief. The buggy crossed the bridge and proceeded up the river road.

Hilary talked the matter over with Lafe later in the day. "If we can get a good shipment out before the Gulf closes," he said, "we can carry on till spring. But of course we can't haul timber out of the woods until there's several feet of snow on the ground."

"And that won't be until navigation's ended for the year," said Lafe.

"So I'm going to put through the mill every cord of lumber in the river," continued Hilary. "We'll keep Dupont busy. And we'll wind up the year with a substantial balance to our credit."

"The Ste. Marie lumber," mused Lafe.

"I guess they call it so. But I believe it's all ours. We've got the whip hand on Brousseau there, because it's our mill, and Dupont's independent of Brousseau. Brousseau can't stop me using that lumber, and he daren't go to law about it."

Lafe approved the scheme, with warnings to Hilary about going slow. They went up to the dam and looked over the logs in the river. Riviere Rocheuse was packed as far as the eye could reach. The sight raised Hilary's spirits. There must be thousands of dollars' worth of lumber in between the high banks, ready to be passed through the rossing mill for Dupont's schooner.

Lafe came to him a little later.

"The logs in the dam are going into the mill all right," he said, "but they ain't coming down-stream above it. Baptiste says there's a jam in the gorge."

They got the rig and drove to the spot. Below the gorge the logs were floating freely down Riviere Rocheuse and the cogged gear was carrying them up to the flume. But at the gorge was a solid wall of logs, packed like the straw coverings of wine-bottles. The starting of the logs had wedged them together here.

Out in mid-stream, straddling the logs and balancing themselves above the rushing torrent the polemen were trying to start the packed masses with their gaffs. Somewhere in that wooden rampart was the key-log, dislodging which would put the whole mass in motion; but it was impossible to locate it. The face of the river was solid from side to side of the gorge to a height of twenty feet.

Above the narrows the roaring stream was bringing down more logs, swelling the barricade. If the wall gave suddenly the polemen would be swept to immediate death. Hilary decided to call them off.

They came reluctantly, for the lumberman is fearless of danger from water or tree. It was clear, however, that it would be necessary to start the mass with dynamite.

"I guess that's the trick," said Lafe. "Baptiste here is an expert dynamiter."

"Yes, that shift him quick," said Jean-Marie. "Mighty quick, maybe. I think, Mr. Askew, it is better first to make stronger your boom, or else your lumber go over the rapids into the Gulf.

"How long will it take?" asked Hilary.

"A week, maybe, for good work. That boom, he will never stand so many logs as that, Mr. Askew."

"Get a gang to work at daybreak tomorrow," Hilary instructed him.

That night Hilary congratulated himself on having started his counter-offensive against Brousseau. In spite of the man's influence in the district, he felt assured of the loyalty of the bulk of his men. Lafe was worth a hundred, and little Baptiste knew his job perfectly. He went to bed in high spirits.

He was on his way to the dam next morning when a buggy came dashing down the road toward him and pulled up sharply. Inside were Brousseau and Morris. The former seemed inarticulate with rage; he stuttered incoherently and tried to leap out when he saw Hilary, but Morris restrained him.

"Mr. Askew," said the ex-manager suavely, "you are doing the most foolish thing that you've ever done in your life. Now, are you willing to listen to reason or are you not?"

"If you mean am I willing to sell—no," said Hilary.

"That's off the mark, Mr. Askew. Mr. Brousseau wouldn't buy after the way you've treated him. It's this: you're planning to take the Ste. Marie logs, ain't you? That's theft, pure and simple. Do you suppose you can come up here and put across a trick like that?"

"I'll hold you there, Morris," answered Hilary. "Where is the lumber that Leblanc and his men cut last winter? It hasn't gone through the mill."

"It's stacked somewhere, I suppose," growled Morris. "I ain't responsible for Leblanc's way of running his business. The trouble is, Mr. Askew, you try to make your American ideas work up here, when they won't, and you don't understand conditions at all."

"I understand a rogue when I see him, whether he's American or Canadian," said Hilary hotly.

"Now, come, Mr. Askew," protested Morris suavely. "It's natural that you should feel sore when you find that your plans and ideas won't work. You thought you could run the business after the American pattern. But you can't, and you're making a hash of it. There have been misunderstandings, but Mr. Brousseau doesn't bear hard feelings—"

"The devil I don't!" yelled Brousseau, trying again to leap out of the vehicle.

"And might agree to let bygones be bygones," continued Morris, not at all disturbed by the interruption, "with all cards on the table, with a view to making a clean sweep and amalgamating the two concerns."

The words of the smooth thief were too much for Hilary.

"You cheating scamp!" he shouted, advancing upon him with an intent so manifestly hostile that Morris grabbed the whip, lashed the horse, and whirled past him, nearly knocking him down, while Brousseau, who was at any rate no coward, tried to leap out and get at Hilary. It struck Hilary as comical afterwards when he remembered Morris clinging to Brousseau and using all the weight of his fat body to keep him in his seat, while he lashed the horse wildly to get into safer quarters.

But at the time Hilary could hardly keep himself from running after the buggy, while Brousseau continued shouting and catching at the reins until the vehicle was out of sight.

When it had disappeared the cold fit came upon Hilary. He was getting a reputation as a fighting man, and this was the last thing he desired.

It was not only impolitic, but it would prove fatal if ever he were attacked and injured. With such a reputation he could count on the protection of no court in the Province.

Lafe—slow, wise, far-seeing, cynical Lafe, who had warned him from the first to be cautious, shook his head when he heard of this latest exploit.

The next morning Brousseau struck his first blow. Hilary had just ordered the rig to drive over to Leblanc's lease and try to stop the operations about the Chateau when Leblanc appeared in the office, accompanied by four ruffians whom Hilary recognized as the sub-jobbers.

"Well, Leblanc?" asked Hilary.

"What's this I hear you make complaint about my work?" Leblanc demanded.

"You've been cutting round the Chateau, Leblanc, and you'll have to stop it," said Hilary. "You knew you were not supposed to cut there."

"Ain't I got right to cut on my own lease?" demanded the jobber truculently.

"Maybe you have, but anyway you aren't going to cut round the Chateau."

"You think so?" asked Leblanc insolently. "All right. You find another boss jobber. Maybe you find one in September what couldn't get a job for next winter, you are so clever. I don't know. For me, I go to work for Monsieur Morris at Ste. Marie."

"So that's your game, Leblanc! How about that contract?"

"That's all right. But if I don't pay on January first, the contract is no good. That was your words, which you wrote down. Well, I keep the lease if you like, Monsieur Askew, and I cut where I like, or I don't pay one cent. And these men say they go wherever I go. They won't work for you if I go, because you thrash Black Pierre. They ain't dogs, they're men, and they got families. They don't stand for no beating with fists. Maybe you change your mind about the cutting?"

"Go to the devil!" shouted Hilary.

"Maybe you like to beat these men now, eh?" sneered Leblanc. "No? All right. You find other boss jobber and little jobbers, Monsieur Askew."

He clapped on his hat, and, as if they had rehearsed the scene, the four ruffians followed Leblanc in solemn and triumphant parade across the floor and out of the office.

This was first blood with a vengeance. Leblanc's lease was a necessity; it meant money, and money just when his capital would be exhausted. It was essential to sub-lease the tract to some one else. But there was no one in St. Boniface capable of assuming charge of such a contract. The habitants had no heads for business and no money to invest. All that was paid out in wages flowed back to the store, owned by the Ste. Marie Company, and to the Ste. Marie saloons. Ste. Marie was bleeding St. Boniface white in every way.

Filled with resentment, Hilary countermanded the order for the rig and walked up by the mill. The logs were ascending the toothed gear one by one, and the same melancholy procession, stripped snow-white, was descending from the rossing room along the flume to swell the increasing pile beside the wharf.

Hilary's nerves were raw and quivering as he reached the end of the strip of land where Rocky River pours into the Gulf below. The whistle blew, and he turned toward St. Boniface and stopped, watching the mob of men emerging from the mill.

How far could he count on them? To the last penny, perhaps, and literally. Their jobs would hold them to him in spite of Brousseau, just so long as their wages were forthcoming. Probably nine-tenths of them resented his presence in their country. His victory over Black Pierre had raised him in their estimation; they might hate him instead of despising him, but that was all. He could count on the devotion and faithfulness of perhaps one man besides Lafe Connell—little Baptiste.

The gang was hard at work below the dam, strengthening the structure of the boom. Riviere Rocheuse, pouring down from the foothills of the Laurentians, speeds with great force through the gorge above St. Boniface, widens opposite the settlement, and, gathering its waters there, shoots straight as a dart over the broken cliff into the Gulf.

It was between this cataract and the gorge, at the wider part of the stream, that the concrete dam had been constructed, holding back the force of the river, and admitting it by degrees into the lake below, filled with logs. Beneath the lake was the wooden boom, which kept back the logs from the cataract below and diverted them up to the flume, toward the cogged chain which caught them and guided them into the flume water, which ran through the rossing mill.

If, when the jam was broken, the pressure of the great mass of logs proved too strong for the boom, instead of passing into the flume they would pour over the cataract into the St. Lawrence, where their retrieval would be impossible. Such an accident had happened on a small scale once before. If it should happen now the loss would end all Hilary's hopes.

He was glad Baptiste had seen this. He was glad that his gang did not cease work when the whistle blew, but continued energetically upon their labors, like beavers in a lake. Hilary searched among them for the figure of the little time-keeper and general utility man, but failed to find it.

He ascended the hill beside the rushing cataract. He was crossing the waste land where the logs and tin cans were strewn when he saw Jean-Marie. The little man was engaged in earnest conversation with Black Pierre behind a shed in which were kept a spare buggy and a few sets of harness. Black Pierre seemed to be protesting vigorously.

The presence of the man beside Baptiste came to Hilary with a shock. Without changing his pace he advanced toward them, in his mind, repeating Lafe's advice over and over.

He was still inwardly quivering, yet trying to appear unconcerned, when the two perceived him. Pierre turned toward him with a scowl on his bruised face. His eyes were blackened, and he looked the incarnation of malignancy.

He spoke to Baptiste quickly, and, to Hilary's surprise Baptiste, without acknowledging his presence, walked slowly away with him. Baptiste's sudden departure puzzled Hilary a good deal at the time, and much more afterward.

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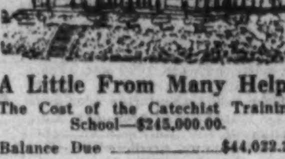

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Catechist Marian Weyenberg.

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Not long ago, on one of our free days, another Catechist and I went out walking. We had not gone far when a little girl, breathless and very much excited, stopped us.

"Oh, Madrecitas, please to come to our house—the babies—they are so sick!" she gasped.

Yes, it was a free day but charity has first claim. Following the child, we entered a clean, but poverty-stricken home. There on the bed lay dying two babies,—twins,—about six months old. How entreatingly they looked up at us, just as though we could help them! For several days and nights the babies had not eaten or slept, was the mother's sad story. Small wonder that they were just skin and bone!

The babies had been baptized and the Angel of Death was already hovering over the suffering infants so there was nothing for us to do but try to comfort the poor, worn-out mother. How sad—to think—that these babies did not receive proper medical attention in time to save their lives! By our home visits, clinics, etc., we are hoping to induce these mothers to bring their little ones to us for treatment, rather than to rely on their own remedies.

It was too late to continue our journey so we retraced our steps. Our homeward conversation was mute testimony to the fact that our thoughts were behind us in that sad little home. Next morning we heard the church bells ringing and we knew that our twins were safe in their Heavenly Home.

Catechist Blanche Richardson.

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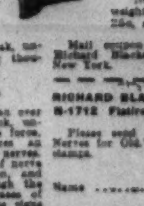

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✠ P. CARD. GASPARRI.

Apostolic Delegation, 1811 Biltmore St., Washington, D. C., January 14, 1925.

My dear Bishop Noll:—I am pleased to give expression to the high esteem in which I hold the weekly newspaper, "Our Sunday Visitor." It occupies an unique place in the field of apologetic literature. The good it has achieved, both inside and outside the household of the Faith is incalculable.

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✠ J. F. NOLL,
Bishop's House, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The editor and staff of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR extend to our readers and friends a sincere wish for a most happy and successful New Year.

THE EXPENSES OF ANGLICAN BISHOPS IN ENGLAND

It is bad enough to be a Bishop in the United States during these strenuous times, but it must be a hundred times worse in England in the Anglican Church, because its Bishops are obliged to live as noblemen with an expense account which the Government finds very difficult to defray. Recently Canon A. W. F. Blunt was offered the vacant See of Worcester, with a salary of $19,000.00 a year, but declined it because the amount was insufficient "to maintain the official residence, Hartlebury Castle." His predecessor declared that he managed to make ends meet only by acting as his own secretary, bailiff and chaplain.

The salaries of English Bishops range from $12,500.00 a year to $50,000.00 a year, but it is said that in most cases a very small portion remains for personal expenses after meeting the cost of the official residence and staff.

The Bishop of Peterborough recently presented to his diocese a statement of accounts, showing that he had $15,000.00 a year official expenses, and had little left for personal expenses, including the upkeep of his home, repairs, hospitality and donations.

Dr. Perowne, the Anglican Bishop of Bradford, speaking on the economy which he has to practice, says: "We had a maid for about three weeks, but then we had to do the best we could. Every member of the family, myself included, took a turn in getting up early to light the fires and perform other household duties. On Whit-Sunday I had a very busy time laying stair carpets, and some one appropriately began to sing, 'When Father Laid the Carpet on the Stairs.'"

Dr. Perowne can knit and sew.

The actual allowance for personal use to Catholic Bishops in the United States is small. Of course, many Bishops of the west and south do not receive more than an ordinary pastor's salary. Those who fill the more important Sees of the middle west and east could hardly run three months on the amounts which are stipulated as salary, a small part of a diocesan contribution. As a leader of the Catholic people in his See City, the Bishop is called upon to contribute generously to Community Chests, to membership in the Chamber of Commerce, to a dozen things for which subscriptions are taken up during the year. Usually his domestic expenses are small, because, in order to do hard work quietly he usually lives practically by himself.

Unlike the Bishops of the Anglican Church he does not entertain socially. In most cases, he actually dreads to be invited to social functions. He has problems and worries which the Anglican Bishops of England have not at all, namely, the worries concerning parish debts, the debts on diocesan institutions, etc. The Bishop's office is spiritual and he heartily wishes that all his work were spiritual. We know that he would a thousand times prefer to have a mere pittance on which to live and spiritual things alone with which to occupy himself than to have a $50,000.00 salary (like some English Bishops have), and the many temporal problems which he is unable to shirk. Even a $50,000 diocesan fund, at the disposal of the average Catholic Bishop, would find its way back to the people by the assistance of enterprises or institutions, which are rightfully the objects of parochial support. Anglican Bishops have personal financial problems, the Catholic Bishops, especially in Protestant countries, have more or less the combined problems of many parishes and institutions.

At the beginning of the New Year we should express our gratitude to God for the blessings we enjoyed during the past year, while we lament its many sufferings and failures. The year which is now nearing its end has been a hard one for many of us, but the things concerning which we worry, temporal things, deserve little or no consideration when compared to the things about which the Divine Savior is greatly concerned, our pursuit of things spiritual and eternal. He Himself tells us that if we strive after spiritual things we shall not be denied the material things of which we actually stand in great need.

Each passing year reminds us of our short lives here on earth; each year's close reminds us of "the one thing necessary." "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?"

Make a New Year's resolution to send a subscription to OUR SUNDAY VISITOR to some friend. We can do no greater service to others than to enlighten them in truth.

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Around The World In Ten Minutes

Call For $1,000,000 For Home For Aged

NEW YORK CITY.—A group of thirty-two men prominent in the business, political and religious life of the city recently formed a campaign committee to raise $1,000,000 with which to erect new quarters for the St. Francis Home for Aged and Incurables, which since 1866 has been housed in a frame and brick building.

Formation of the committee and plans for a public appeal were concluded at a luncheon in the Bankers Club given by Grover A. Whalen to Cardinal Hayes, who is sponsoring the drive, and at which the speakers were former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mayor Walker, Matthew S. Sloan, Borough President Samuel Levy, Justice Victor J. Dowling, Gilbert T. Hodges and Frank P. Walsh.

In an appeal for the support of the St. Francis Home, and all charitable institutions, Mayor Walker presented the attitude of the City Government toward such institutions and warned that unless they were supported during the present financial depression public hospitals and homes will be "swamped" and their cost of maintenance greatly increased.

By a coincidence, the luncheon was held on the death of Mother Schervier, who founded the home sixty-five years ago. She was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, who still conduct it.

Mr. Whalen presided, and in his opening remarks declared that the home had long become obsolete. In picturing a recent visit made to it, he said that despite the hardships offered by the poor physical equipment, the inmates seemed happier and better taken care of than in any similar home he had visited.

After declaring that of the many appeals which he has been asked to aid none were more worthy than that of the St. Francis Home, Cardinal Hayes said that the charitable instincts of New Yorkers had been best shown in the gathering present.

"If the spirit which has brought these men to offer their aid continues," he said, "the depression, with the help of Almighty God, will soon end."

Following the Cardinal, former Governor Smith recalled his boyhood days on the lower east side and described visits of the Sisters of St. Francis to Fulton Market when he worked in it.

Rise In Population Seen As Slackening

NEW YORK CITY.—The population of the United States will undergo a steady slowing down in its rate of growth until, between 1970 and 1980, it will reach a maximum of about 150,000,000 and thereafter decline, Louis L. Dublin, vice-president and statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, predicted recently before the American Vocational Association convention in the Hotel Pennsylvania.

As the country tends more toward "stabilization" of its population, with decreasing birth rates, Mr. Dublin said, the proportion in ages will change. He estimated that persons 50 years of age and over will form about 31 per cent of the population, against 17 per cent at present, and that those under 20 years will be 29 per cent, contrasted with 36.8 per cent. He expected the proportion of those between 20 and 50 would remain about the same, about 40 per cent.

Finds Church-Building Gives Work To 90,000

NEW YORK CITY.—The largest exhibit of ecclesiastical architecture ever shown in the United States was one of the principal features of the three-day national conference on church building held here. More than 209 architects submitted entries.

William Collins, manager of Walter Kidde & Co., New York builders, in a preliminary report of a study of the labor aspects of the general building industry in this country, said that 90,000 men labor on every working day of the year building churches in the United States and earn approximately $180,000,000 annually. He added that the normal year's church building budget is about $225,000,000. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, pointing out what part the church is playing to relieve unemployment, estimated that more than $100,000,000 in church building funds is ready now for the erection of new edifices.

New Constitution Criticized In Spain

MADRID, SPAIN.—The Spanish Constitution has been made too quickly under pressure of the desire to end the government's provisional nature in order to defend the regime from dangers believed by many to be close but which in reality are largely illusory.

No one believes this Constitution can long endure without radical modifications, and the parties now dominant, foreseeing a probable Right reaction at the next elections, perhaps in the coming year, wish to prolong the life of the Cortes called solely to make the Constitution.

The most outstanding constitutional problem involves the separation of Church and State and the position created for religious orders. The orders have been deprived of the right to teach, but this cannot be effective for a long time, perhaps years, because the State will be unable to take over the teaching of the population. Moreover, resistance of a great proportion of the people who are opposed to lay instruction will have to be overcome. Action against religious orders, depriving them of certain liberties that other associations enjoy, it has not been attempted to justify.

Number Of Berliners Leaving Churches Increase

BERLIN, GERMANY.—The religious congregations of Berlin are losing members at a steadily increasing rate, according to the figures of the Municipal Bureau of Statistics, the rate of loss being somewhat greater among Protestants than Catholics, and much smaller among Jews.

In the six-year period from 1925 to 1930 withdrawals from Evangelical churches amounted to 8¾ per cent of their total membership. The number of withdrawals per year rose, for Protestants, from 27,600 in 1925 to 59,300 in 1930; for Catholics from 2,700 to 6,800; for Jews from 450 to 590. The congregation totals on which the percentages are based are: Evangelical, 3,000,000; Catholic, 400,000; Jewish, 177,000.

The economic depression has been assigned as the cause for the church losses.

Great Roman Bath Is Found At Jerash

JERUSALEM.—The most complete Roman public bath ever found in the Near East has been uncovered at Jerash, or ancient Gerasa, in Transjordan. This bath was built during the episcopacy of Bishop Placcus in 462 A. D., soon after the construction of the Cathedral of the Virgin, begun in 400 A. D. The bath is almost intact with fane and columned atrium, heated room, tepid room, exercise court and large swimming pool.

The main excavations covered the area between the pagan Temple of Artemis (150 A. D.) and the Cathedral, both of which were uncovered a few years ago. The main half bath contained a fine inscribed mosaic floor giving the name of the builder and the date of erection.

Slightly to the west and opening from the courtyard of the Church of St. Theodore (480 A. D.) was a group of buildings which proved to be a monastery connected with the church. It contained a large refectory, numerous sleeping rooms, each equipped with a stone bunk, and various offices.

Soviet Convicts 77 Of Theft Of Bread

MOSCOW, RUSSIA.—The final verdict in the case of eighty-six men, indicted for "systematic embezzlement" of bread in Astrakhan and on trial seven days, was announced recently.

Forty-seven were found guilty of "economic damaging," or a deliberate attempt to defeat the aims of the Soviet Government—an offense which also comes under the head of counter-revolution. Nine were guilty of embezzlement, twenty-one of fraud, and the others were acquitted.

Ten were sentenced to ten years in jail each, with five years' suspension of civil rights; thirty of them to six years in jail, four more to five years in jail, and the others to minor terms. Ten years in jail is the maximum sentence for murder in Soviet Russia, unless the murder is of a political nature.

Attacks On Church Renewed In Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—The splendor with which the Catholic Church has just celebrated the 400th anniversary of the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Guadalupe has brought a renewal of attacks on the clergy by leaders of the dominant National Revolutionary Party.

Luis Leon, former Minister of Industry and Commerce, at one time Minister of Agriculture and Governor of the State of Chihuahua, declared "it is time to put an end to these activities, and I am sure that the government which emanated from the revolution will do so."

One of the best known military bands in Mexico was discharged from the military service by General Calles for having played at the Guadalupe basilica without his permission. This band of eighty musicians, the "Estado Mayor No. 1," has played in many cities of the United States and toured as far as Buenos Aires.

St. Vincent de Paul Profits By Paper Sale

CHICAGO, ILL.—The sale of Catholic papers by St. Vincent de Paul men for the past twelve months in Chicago and its suburbs netted them $18,859.60. This statement is taken from the society's monthly reports turned in at the Particular Council's office.

Noted Socialist Leader Dies A Catholic

WARSAW.—It has been learned that, prior to his death recently in Cracow, Dr. Sigsmund Marek, one of the most noted exponents of Socialism in Poland, asked for and received the Last Sacraments. Throughout his life Dr. Marek had been an opponent of Catholicism.

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It is really very kind of you to have published my letter in Our Sunday Visitor, but having not published my address I have as yet not received any pamphlets from any of your kind readers and hence I shall feel very highly obliged if you will kindly publish my address in your paper so that it may be useful to me. Since writing you last the non-Catholics on the whole are working vigorously by publishing free pamphlets and I am indeed very sorry to let you know that unless adequate measures are taken, it will be a real disgrace, so I must earnestly request you to send me useful pamphlets and papers and also to encourage your kind readers to forward apologetic works and periodicals so as to help me to give light to the many who are reading the pamphlets published by non-Catholics.

Thanking you and requesting your blessings,

Very sincerely yours,
P. A. M. COWNAN.

Corbin, Ky., Dec. 10, 1931.

Rev. and Dear Editor:

The little band of Catholics in Corbin, Ky., was happy December 7th, when four prominent converts were kneeling at the Altar in Sacred Heart church, making a profession of faith and received conditional Baptism.

The mother of five children made her family very happy by joining them in their faith, in which the Catholic father had piously raised them.

Two little girls, between the ages of seven and nine, danced for joy because their mother was joining them next day at the table of the Lord.

Catholics in big parishes can hardly realize what it means for our few faithful, when converts join them in professing their faith publicly, which is so misunderstood and so much maligned. Every Catholic rejoices when new members join them under the banner of the Cross, under which they practice their religion in the face of bitter antagonism.

These conversions are, to a great extent, due to the Mision given last June by Father Warren C. Lilly, S. J.

May I ask every reader to offer a prayer for still greater results in the vineyard of the Lord in the Kentucky mountains?

Fifty converts were received into the Church in the last few years and much credit must be given to the patient and self-sacrificing efforts of the Sisters of St. Camillus' Academy.

Sincerely yours,
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By Harry Stuhldreher

Harry Stuhldreher, quarterback of the famous Four Horsemen, 1924 Notre Dame football team and now coach at Villanova, has produced a masterful study of his former coach and friend Knute Rockne in his biography—"Knute Rockne—Man Builder." In this work Rockne is portrayed not only as a great coach, but also as a favorite with his players and others who came under his jurisdiction. In it is told how Rockne became the friend of each of his players and how he remained loyal to them even after they were graduated from Notre Dame.

The book is an excellent tribute to a man who had the happy faculty of profoundly impressing the minds and imaginations of great masses of people, many of whom had never seen him in person but who knew him well from his many and varied activities. Stuhldreher's book is a worthy supplement to Rockne's own autobiography, and it is also an outstanding analysis of the coach from the players' point of view. In this book one learns to know Rockne better and to understand the great influence which he possessed. Published by Macrae Smith Company. Price $2.65.

By E. T. S.

PERSUASIVE SPEECH by Rev. Francis P. Donnelly, S. J., has the guarantee of excellence because of the author's long experience as an English teacher and the evident success of his text books. The key-note and main characteristic of this book is indicated in the title "Persuasive Speech". Fr. Donnelly's purpose is to develop in the student the power of logical thinking, a power which unfortunately is so frequently neglected. Though proportionate attention is given to the exposition of the principles of appeal to the will and the emotions, laudable emphasis is placed on developing clear, correct and forceful thinking. "Persuasive Speech" possesses many features that highly recommend it. It is a good exemplification of the well tried method of teaching by the skilful combination of models, precepts and practice. It is well graded and rich in examples and illustrations. It deserves commendation as a text book for college rhetoric and for private study in public speaking. Published by Kenedy. Price $2.40.

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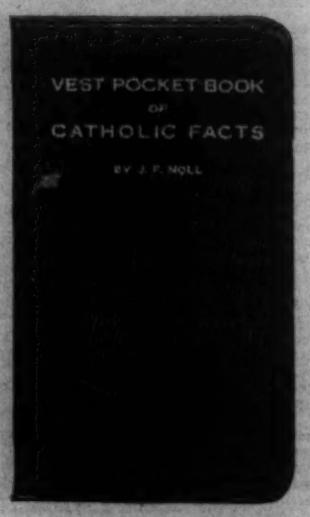

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA OF PERU CONDUCT PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the Peru Circle, Daughters of Isabella, was held recently in the Knights of Columbus home in that city. A quilt was given to the Rev. A. J. Sansone of Indianapolis. Members of the committee in charge were Mrs. Joseph Andres, chairman; Mrs. Everett Oakley, Mrs. Joseph Langer, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Dorsam, Mrs. Earl Sims and Miss Frances Scherschel.

CATHOLICS WIN

The Catholics defeated the Presbyterians, 20 to 7, in the most recent round of games in the Sunday School league at Delphi.

SCHOOLS DISMISSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The three Catholic schools of Logansport have been dismissed for Christmas vacation and will not convene until after New Year's.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED AT SCHOOL

A splendid Christmas program was presented Tuesday afternoon, December 22 at St. Joseph's school, Logansport, by violin students and children of the fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth and tenth grades. Special numbers were given by John Corso, William Berkshire, Delores Acuff and Doris Gleitze.

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL CONDUCTS PAGEANT

A pageant, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", was delightfully presented by pupils of St. Vincent's school, Logansport, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, in the school auditorium. Principal characters were represented by Elizabeth Jean Arthur, Nicholas Rozzi, John Madanna, Michael Parente, Adam Parente, and Louise Firmant. Shepherds, angels and adorers were portrayed by the smaller children of the school. Following the play, the pastor, Father Durham, presented each child with a Christmas gift.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASS'N. HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parent-Teachers' Association of St. Joseph's school, Logansport, met for their annual Christmas party Thursday, December 17, in the school hall. A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour after which guests were entertained with the corn game. Mrs. Bernadine Wood, Mrs. Mary Loner and Mrs. Emma Grusenmeyer were awarded favors.

Members of the committee in charge were Mrs. Addie Keller, Mrs. Pauline Stewart, Mrs. Harry Clark and Mrs. Margaret Frye.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ENJOY ANNUAL PARTY

Following their regular lodge session Monday night, Dec. 21, members of Logansport Council, Knights of Columbus enjoyed their annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged after which Miss Henrietta Petrie, assisted by a group of girls, presented a program of carols. The feature of the evening was the giving away of a dressed turkey.

SEWING CIRCLE HOLDS ITS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of St. Joseph's Hospital Sewing circle held their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon, December 22, in the Logansport K. of C. hall. A covered dish luncheon was followed by a gift exchange.

MRS. GEORGE NILES OF PULASKI COUNTY IS DEAD

Mrs. George Niles, 45, of Pulaski County, died Saturday, December 19, at Logansport. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Gray of near Winamac and Mrs. Leo Kinsetto of Winamac. Funeral services were held from St. Peter's Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and burial made in the Catholic cemetery.

PASSING OF LAGRO PIONEER

The funeral of Miss Alice Christle who died at the residence of a nephew in Fort Wayne was held Wednesday with a High Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's church, Lagro. The pastor, the Rev. Atwater, paid a high tribute to her noble character. Altho a resident of Fort Wayne for the past thirteen years she retained an interest in St. Patrick's church until the time of her death, and was constantly active in charitable works.

GIFTS EXCHANGED AT D. OF I. PARTY

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St. Francis' Girls Distribute Baskets

The girls of St. Francis High School spent Christmas Eve by spreading cheer and happiness to the poor and needy of the city. They delivered twenty-five well-filled baskets to poor and appreciative families. The baskets were filled with food, clothing, toys and gifts for every member of the family.

Orphans Enjoy Jolly Christmas

Santa Claus, the most popular man of the hour, visited in the Knights of Columbus hall, where 175 boys from St. Joseph's orphanage and 55 boys and girls from the Cary home for children were gathered for the Catholic Daughters of America's annual party.

While waiting for Santa the children were entertained with a program given by the school children of the city.

During the afternoon a mammoth lighted tree was a feature. Santa entered the hall by the fire escape and amid the jingling of Christmas bells descended upon the little guests and distributed gifts. Each child received a gift labeled with his name, candy and fruit. The Sisters from the orphanage and the attendants at the other home were also guests and received attractive presents.

HIBERNIAN ELECTION

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held the annual election of officers Monday evening in St. Ann's school hall.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Drees; Vice-President, Mrs. D. E. Landy; Financial Secretary, Mary Hannah; Recording Secretary, Mary Catherine Carroll; Treasurer, Anna Meihan; Mistress of Arms, Mary Roach; Sentinel, Catherine Ryan; Chairlady of Irish History, Cecilia Vianco; Chairlady of Standing Committee, Mrs. John McCormick.

Later a Christmas party was enjoyed in which Mrs. Rutler acted as Santa Claus. Christmas presents were exchanged, followed by a Pot Luck supper.

ALTAR-ROSARY MEET

The Altar-Rosary Society of St. Ann's church held their social meeting Tuesday in St. Ann's auditorium. Euchre and Bunco were the diversion of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. James Riley and Mrs. Tom McLaughlin. Mrs. John Rupert and Louise Lenehan held high honors in Bunco. The visitors' prize was awarded to Mrs. Fritz of Terre Haute, Indiana.

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The Unemployed of Gary Find Relief At the Settlement House

The Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul Animates Relief Organization

Gary, Ind.—Gary-Alerding Settlement House becomes center for the relief of the destitute in once flourishing steel mill district. Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul daily serves two hundred meals to hungering unemployed. Nearly two hundred gallons of milk is daily given out. Day-old bread furnished by local merchants is keeping starvation from many doors.

Banded last year into a relief corps to assist the Missionary Catechists, Mrs. James McLaughlin and her charitable co-workers have this year organized the Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Foreseeing great work, these zealous women gathered great quantities of fruit and vegetables during the harvest months. The thousands of quarts of fruit and vegetables which they canned at the expense of time and labor are now proving of inestimable value in their relief work.

In addition to dispensing food, this organization is co-operating with the Missionary Catechists in giving medical care and providing medicines for the sick and suffering poor of Gary, and in distributing clothing to the needy.

Following the annual Christmas party given by the Missionary Catechists approximately six hundred children were served Christmas dinners.

The Rev. John Costello is Director of the Gary-Alerding Settlement House. He is assisted by the Rev. Edward Sweigart.

The Gary-Alerding Settlement House was the home of the first mission established by the Society of Missionary Catechists in Indiana. This Society began its charitable and religious work in Gary in 1924.

Vacation Not To Mar Merryness of Christmas

Evidently the student body of Catholic Central High, Hammond, intends to make Merry Christmas just that little thing and nothing less during the coming week of vacation. Setting to one side the always beautiful religious ceremonies of the feast of the Nativity of the Savior which the students will witness in their individual parish churches of this district, the social calendar of the local school indicates that the students will be hosts to their friends mainly of the Alumni Association.

The first of these events will be the annual Alumni Home-coming on the afternoon of the 27th of December. A basketball game between the two groups will feature the main part of the afternoon's program. It will be an All-Central conference, since the six orphan boys who are now making their home at the school have asked permission to play the preliminary game for the Alumni-Central meet.

On the evening of Monday, December 28th, the boys from Mooseheart will appear at the local gym. This meeting is considered always with more than passing interest, since the children from Mooseheart have established a special niche for themselves in the hearts of local fandom. Besides promising to be a pleasant evening, it will also be an evening of interesting basketball.

The third and closing feature of the week will be the Alumni dance, which is held each year during the last week of the calendar year in honor of the members of the Alumni, who attend schools away from home. This gathering is scheduled for December 30th.

Besides these more or less formal events, there will be various practice sessions in the gym during the spare hours of the vacation. Members of the different classes have made reservations for hours during which they will indulge in their much-liked indoor sport of basketball.

While the students of Catholic Central High School enjoy their holiday session, they are hoping that their friends will likewise enjoy in some manner a Merry Christmas.

Boys' Band Entertains

EAST CHICAGO.—Santa Claus and the famous Boys' Band of the Immaculate Conception Church, Whiting, recently played before President Hoover, brought joy to 1300 Indiana Harbor children Tuesday when one of the largest festivals ever held in the city was staged in St. John Cantius' school.

The party started at 5 P. M. in the school yard where a huge Christmas tree was brilliantly illuminated. It reached it's climax after a dinner was served all the youngsters in the school hall, when gifts were distributed to all present. The Rev. T. F. Chemma, pastor and the Rev. Francis Nowak, assistant, had charge of the party, which was backed by the White Eagle Club, the Womens' Welfare Society, the Society of St. Kunegunda, and the Woodrow Wilson Club.

Choirs from various churches of the city and dances under the direction of Antoinette Sherpetosky were included in the program. Candy, popcorn, fruit, nuts and toys were distributed to the youngsters.

Honor Father Chemma

INDIANA HARBOR. — Friends from all over the Calumet Region Sunday thronged the Priest's house of St. John Cantius' parish here to pay honor to the Rev. T. F. Chemma, pastor, on his Name's Day. An outstanding feature of the day's program was a dinner for close friends of the beloved priest.

Among those present were his assistant, Father Nowak; the Rev. Clement Mlinarovich; the Rev. Paul Kulka; Father Chemma's family and parish leaders.

EAST CHICAGO.—John Tenkely, alderman and noted political leader, was re-elected President of the Sacred Heart Sick and Death Benefit Society. Other officers elected are: John Gergacz, vice president; Julius Weigley, treasurer; Steve Puchley, financial secretary; Julius Vincze, recording secretary, and Harry Bodi, auditor.

EAST CHICAGO. — Children of Holy Trinity Parish here staged a Christmas entertainment Sunday night, proceeds of which went to the fund to purchase books for children of the parish school.

EAST CHICAGO.—The poor fund of St. Joseph's parish in the Calumet section of East Chicago was enriched by two bunco parties given recently, attended by more than three hundred people.

HOLY NAME MEETING

About 150 members of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church, Hammond, received Holy Communion in a body, after which a free breakfast was served Sunday, December 13.

Plans are under way to observe National Holy Name Sunday, January 10. The committee, with Mr. Peter Bick as chairman, is planning an edifying program for this day. Details will be announced shortly to the members of St. Joseph's church.

Winners of the Essay Contest conducted by the Society will be announced December 22.

Our monthly Holy Name Agenda is receiving a welcome reception both from the members and our advertisers.

Since the last meeting the Society lost one of its senior members, Mr. Jacob Young. Mr. Young was born at St. John, Ind., March 29, 1854, and passed away December 1, 1931, at the age of 77. He had been an active member for thirty years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Amelia Idziorek. Funeral was held December 5th under the auspices of the Holy Name Society.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Members of St. Lawrence's Circle, Daughters of Isabella, entertained with an enjoyable Christmas party, Wednesday evening, at the Knights of Columbus Home on East Adams street. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a Christmas play by a group of pupils of St. Lawrence's School.

Gifts were exchanged, and Christmas carols were sung. The committee in charge of the details of the affair was Mrs. Clem Barenbrugge, chairman; Miss Callie Johnson, Mrs. William Shanahan, Mrs. Jacob Huber, and Mrs. Byron Norton.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Miriam Club of Muncie enjoyed a smartly appointed Christmas party Sunday afternoon, at the Washington Inn in Hartford City. Miss Geraldine Earley was chairman of the committee assisted by Miss Gertrude Curran, Miss Margaret Hensley, and Miss Helen Glaser.

A program was given which included the Christmas Story by Miss Elizabeth Hinckley, a reading by Miss Mary Greene, and a song by Miss Mary Jane Carnes accompanied by Miss Virginia Wingerter. Following the program, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served at the individual tables which were centered with red candles in silver holders.

MIRIAM CLUB MEETING

Members of the Miriam Club will hold their December meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Hensley. She will be assisted by Miss Gertrude Curran and Miss Doris Fell.

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"J" Club Christmas Party

Miss Florence Kretschmer, 1700 Prairie St., opened her home Monday evening, December 14th, to twenty-eight members of the "J" Club and twenty-four children, mostly under six years of age, for the club's annual Christmas party. The home was cleverly decorated in red and green and a Christmas tree reaching to the ceiling stood in one end of the sun parlor. A short business session was held. The sum of $14.50 was collected for the needy. The club prizes were won by Miss Bessie Nadolny and Miss Mary Louise Holtz. Santa arrived at 9:00 o'clock with gifts for all. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge, Mrs. Collette Bickel, Mrs. Mary Treckelo, Miss Mary Wenzel and Miss Lillian Weaver.

The next meeting will be in two weeks with Miss Rose Burkhard. The children present were: Mariann Heumar of Mishawaka, Richard Gnoth of South Bend, and Frederick Nye, Bobby Stanley, Richard Frecklo, Margaret Ernest, Richard Prince, Mary Catherine Nadolny, Josephine Nadolny, Glenn Brevington, Herbert DeLucaney, Alfred Colograssi, Miles Johnson, Rita Holtz, Donald Holtz, Jane Pindell, Mary Collette Bickel, Delores Fisher, Joyce Fisher, Richard Holsey, Louis Dempsey, Frank Dempsey, Barbara Erickson and Mary Jane Murray, all of Elkhart.

PINOCHLE TOURNEY

The monthly pinochle tournament of the D. of I. and K. of C. was held Tuesday, December 15th, in the Community house. There were nineteen tables in play. The high score bridge prize for the last meet went to Mrs. Sorenson and for pinochle to Mrs. Meyers. Refreshments were served by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Riblet and Mrs. Helfrick.

CARD PARTY AND DANCE

The Villagers will hold a card party and dance December 30th. Cards will be played in the basement. Table prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

MIDNIGHT MASS

There will be a midnight Mass at St. Vincent's Christmas eve for the first time in thirty years. There will be two visiting priests, also the local pastor and his assistants.

ALTAR SOCIETY CARD PARTY

The Altar Society held a successful card party and bazaar Thursday, December 17th. There were twenty-two tables of cards in play. Table prizes were given. Mrs. Hasler was in charge of the cards.

VILLAGERS

The Villagers staged a hard-time party Wednesday, December 16th, in the Community house. The prize for the oldest clothes was a

Catholics

PROMINENT IN THE OUTSTANDING HEADLINES OF THE DAY'S NEWS

MARCHIE SCHWARTZ

JOE KURTH

NEW YORK—The list-down of the Notre Dame football team in the Army game disappointed thousands here but it did not prevent most of the newspapermen here from naming Joe Kurth and Marchie Schwartz to places on the mythical All-American eleven. Schwartz is reputed to be "as great a player as George Gipp." For three years he has been a first-string halfback on the Notre Dame team. Kurth has starred in the line for two seasons. Notre Dame has more players receiving All-American mention than any other university in the country.

Visits Missions

When Mayor Walker went to California to ask for the release of Tom Mooney he spent some time visiting the missions. He is shown at Santa Barbara with one of the Franciscans.

Bourke. The rest of the evening was spent in cards and dancing. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge. The announcement was made that a play will be given, the date to be announced later.

Archbishop Glennon Pleads For Peace In Yule Radio Message

New York.—A prayer for peace among men and nations was offered up by the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, in the course of a Christmas address which he delivered Sunday and which was carried on the radio by the Columbia Broadcasting System in its "Church of the Air" program.

The Archbishop prefaced his appeal for world peace with a recital of the events of the first Christmas in Bethlehem and urged his hearers to strive for that peace which the Angels proclaimed at the time of the birth of the Savior.

"May I speak even now in that Divine Presence for the peace of which the angels sing," the Archbishop said. "Never before—with homes that are rendered desolate; with industries that are failing and nations that are withering away with fear and expectation of what is coming upon them—never before, I say, was there a greater need for that peace of Christ of which the angels sang.

"I know we glibly speak of it; preach it, and pretend to promote it, and yet we are eaten up with the fear that it will not come. Public documents proclaim it; statesmen from foreign lands make their visits and discuss their mission, which the world is told and believes, is a mission of peace, and then, their cabinet meetings and their secret movements modify and belie their public attitudes. Much as they desire peace, they want security more. Yes, security and prosperity, rather than peace and humanity. It does look as if the nations still saw no value in the ancient dictum that nations as well as individuals can be strong in the strength of right. They prefer the pagan cynicism of Napoleon, when he declared that the Lord is on the side of the strongest armies."

California Clergy Urge Moratorium Plan Include Erin

San Francisco.—A petition signed by 363 Catholic prelates and priests of California has been sent to President Hoover by committee of priests, asking that deferment of the payment of $26,000,000 made yearly by the Irish Free State Government to Great Britain be included in the proposed moratorium. A copy was sent to Secretary of State Stimson.

The petition also asks that the inclusion of deferment of this payment in the moratorium "be without prejudice to the claim of the Irish people that the said payment is not justly due from them to Great Britain."

The Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, heads the list of signers. In addition to the secular priests, there are among the signers numerous members of religious communities.

"What happened to Billings? His face is all bandaged up."

"Oh, he was getting shaved by a lady barber when a mouse ran across the floor."

Ladd: "How did you find your wife when you got home last night?"
Mann: "Just as nice as pie."
Ladd: "How's that?"
Mann: "Short and crisp."

Mrs. Small: "My husband is a perfect brute."
Mrs. Short: "You don't say."
Mrs. Small: "Yes, since the baby began teething nothing would quiet the little darling but pulling his father's mustache. Well, yesterday he went and had his moustache shaved off."

Breathless Visitor—"Doctor, can you help me? My name is Smith."
Doctor—"No, I'm sorry; I simply can't do anything for that."

Steno: "How do you spell sense?"
Boss: "Dollars and cents or 'horse sense'?"
Steno: "Well, like in 'I ain't seen him sense'."

Bicentennial School Contests Announced; Regulations Listed

Washington.—Details of three nation-wide contests to be held in connection with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington have been announced by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission here.

The competitions are: a contest in declamation for the elementary schools, an essay contest for the secondary, or high, schools, and an oratorical contest for colleges. The elementary school contest will end with the selection of state winners, but the essay contest and the orstorical contest will go on to national finals, the winning student in each of the national contests receiving from the bicentennial commission a gold medal especially cast by the United States mint.

Pamphlets on organization and general regulations have been prepared by the National Bicentennial Commission, and will be sent out to every school from which students enroll in the contests. The competitions in each state will be conducted by a state contest committee, appointed and working under the supervision of the bicentennial commission of the state in co-operation with the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

Prose and poetry relating to George Washington have been collected by the bicentennial commission here, and will be distributed to the teachers in the schools from which pupils enter the contests. The contestants in the declamation contest must choose their offerings for this pamphlet.

The subjects from which high school students may make a selection for an essay in the secondary school contest have been announced by the Commission as follows:

George Washington, the Farmer at Mount Vernon; George Washington's Spirit of Sportsmanship; George Washington: Statesman and Soldier; George Washington's Sense of Duty; Washington's Balance of Character; The Many-sidedness of George Washington; George Washington, the Friend; Washington's Influence on Our Life Today.

The subjects from which selection may be made by students in institutions of higher learning entering the oratorical contest are:

Washington the Courageous; Washington and the West; Washington the Man of Business Vision; Development of George Washington's Military Ability; George Washington's Understanding of Men; Washington: Nation Builder; First in Peace; Washington: Exemplar of American Ideals; George Washington, a World Figure; The Spirit of Washington.

The local school elimination contests will be completed by February 22, the time the bicentennial celebration actually begins. The winning essays from each state must be in the offices of the National Bicentennial Commission by April 19, 1932. The finals in the oratorical contest will be announced later.

Former War Flyer Is Ordained Priest

Cumberland, R. I.—Frank J. Walsh, who as a boy of seventeen years held a commission in the British Flying Corps, had several German planes to his credit and was wounded in action, recently became Frater M. Aelred, O. C. S. O. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. William A. Hickey, Bishop of Providence, at the Cistercian Monastery of Our Lady of the Valley, here.

RT REV E J KELLY

The Rt. Rev. E. J. Kelly, Bishop of Boise, Idaho.

Congress Host

The Most Rev. Edward J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin and host to the thirty-first International Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Dublin next June, photographed as he broke ground for the great altar to be erected in Phoenix Park, Dublin, for the Congress.

Guadalupan Rites Reflect Profound Faith Of Mexicans

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gate and all the prelates and dignitaries participated. In the evening a great nocturnal pilgrimage and solemn vigil was conducted by the Apostolic Delegate. The pulpit was occupied by the Most Rev. Maximino Ruiz, Titular Bishop of Derbe, spiritual director of nocturnal adoration. The Mass of Nocturnal Adoration, which was celebrated at midnight, terminated with a solemn procession.

In all the parishes and some of the churches, Midnight Mass was celebrated at which many persons, including more than 1,500 children, received Communion. The churches remained open all night, and at six o'clock in the morning other Masses were celebrated.

On Latin American Day, the banners of Brazil, Uruguay, Guatemala, Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Costa Rica and Paraguay were placed at the foot of the statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The basilica was so filled with pilgrims on this day that many could not gain admittance. Indians from Xochimilco had adorned the shrine with roses and other flowers.

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The New Year

Pause yet awhile, departing year!
We may not let thee steal away,
Like spirit forms, to memory dear,
That haunt the dreams of waning day.

Pause yet awhile! and show again
The visions of the hours gone by,
Or clouded by the tears of pain,
Or beaming bright on Fancy's eye.

No? Gone forever? Be it so!
The good or evil thou hast done,
For endless peace or endless woe,
Is past, and thou art lost or won.

From looking backward Folly's brow
With dull remorse is overcast.
Now life begins. A moment now
Is worth a million of the past.

Thy life was squandered? Idly spent
Mayhaps in haunts of hideous sin?
Arise! 'tis time that thou repent;
No age too hoary to begin.

From out the depths of midnight gloom
The New Year steals with silent feet.
The past sinks sadly in its tomb,
Wrapt in the snows, its winding sheet.

—Boston Ch. Calendar.

For Each Day Of The New Year

Do you really know what it is to thrill with the joy of doing things? Do you often experience the keen satisfaction of accomplishing some special task you have set out to do?

It's something that every one can enjoy, rich or poor, it's something no one can take from you and it's one of the most "worthwhile" things in all this world.

We may take wrong steps at first in our effort to make practical application of our dream, but at least we are not passive, not idle, we are doing and we'll learn to step right.

The mere effort brings pleasure, for work is the portion of all, no matter what our station, nor in what figures we count our wealth. Then, when increasing effort brings its reward, the consequent joy to the worker is one of heaven's own blessings.

The man whose picture has been hung on the line, the author whose book has been accepted and is running its 'steenth edtion, the child who wins a prize at school—each has experienced the great joy of doing and envies no one. No kingly crown, no millions of money—nothing in the world can bring to the true soul quite the same thrill that such an experience brings.

This great blessing is ours, not exactly for the asking, but for the reaching for it, for the trying. Life can hold nothing much greater than this realization—this striving and striving, with its final reward. Nothing worth while comes without effort—it's just the sum total of the good work we do each day which finally brings us this intense satisfaction.—Ave Maria.

Ring Out Wild Bells

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress of all mankind.

Ring out the care, the want, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

COMPENSATION

The things we failed to do
When duty called
Are specters grim and gray
That haunts the hours of night
And cloud our fairest day.
But those we faithful did,
For duty's sake,
Like angels fair and bright,
Do light our daily path
And soothe the hours of night.

—Florence H. Hill.

Resolutions For The New Year

The greatest aid in making our resolutions for the new year will be self-knowledge. A help to this will be found in the following interesting paragraphs by Father F. P. Donnelly, S. J., entitled "Self-Seeing Ends Stone Throwing."

One of the few recorded prayers of a famous Scotch poet was to the effect that it would be a good thing to see ourselves as others see us. He, however, admitted that the results would not be conducive to devotion. Many another good thing, too, besides devotion, would go with this true reflection of ourself; self-satisfaction, glowing autobiographies, comforting assurances from consciousness, laudatory interviews with one's own recollections, patience and much unfounded contentment.

"Why do you bring a suit of libel two years after you were called a hippopotamus?" asked the judge. "Well, Your Honor," replied the plaintiff, "it was only yesterday that for the first time I saw the animal." The number of suits for libel against self-revelation would certainly crowd the docket if seeing ourselves as others see us came to be the fashion.

Here is a tale which gives one reason why self-ignorance has so long a life: There was once a lad who must have derived his ideas of man's anatomy from an onion. At any rate, he believed that everyone grew up by building around himself another layer. If you peeled off the man, you could find, he thought, the boy. In certain cases there would be numerous layers, and the labor would be immense, for example, to get from an ex-President to a baby. But apply that notion to self and try to peel off the layers built up around the true knowledge of what you are. Take a cross section of your soul and you would have to cut through successes, dreams, ideals, flatteries, congratulations, doting of fond parents, ambitions, deceptions, various hand-shakings and shoulder-clappings of friends until you finally reached the shrunken and wrinkled kernel of self.

There was a certain Spanish soldier who had hidden himself behind a life of distractions, of loves, hates, gamblings, dissipations, day-dreaming, novel-reading, quarreling, soldiering. He broke down all those intrenchments and got to a knowledge of self, but it was a heroic struggle. The process started with a cannon ball, and a surgical operation, and a long sickness, and the process ended by his giving up home and wealth and honors, by fasting and meditation on Christ's life and by many months of retirement alone in a cave. He wrote a book in which he formulated the science of seeing yourself as God sees you, which is an improvement on the Scotch formula.

The Spaniard was Ignatius of Loyola; his recipe for self-knowledge is called a retreat. In those exercises he does not seem to have left out much of his own experience except the cannon-ball. He would likely use that in extreme cases. Surgery, however, and prayer and fasting and exile and silence and caves of solitude are used to cut away self-deceptions.

Retreats will not be popular until people cease to be afraid of hippopotamuses. There was a short retreat given once upon a time. The supreme excellence of the director dispensed with long explanations. His exercitants saw themselves as God saw them, and they dropped their stones and went out one after another, beginning with the oldest. Self-seeing is a potent discourager of stone-throwing.

Another Wise Man

(to a Franciscan Brother)

Another wise man liveth,
Of blood both true and rare.
His kingdom is a kitchen,
His throne, a backless chair.

A ladle for a sceptre,
Some silver hair, his crown.
His sash, a snowy girdle,
His robe, of coarsest brown.

His staff, yon crimson lantern.
It points a marble stall,
And a golden cup, God's cradle,
As he journeys down the hall.

His gold, a pauper's spirit,
A precious, priceless thing.
His prayer,—I scarcely hear it—
"To Thee, O Infant King."

Sweet incense too, he offers—
'Tis incense to obey.
A treasure from heart's coffers—
"Oh take it, Babe, I pray."

Now myrrh in fragile vessel—
Chaste soul incased in sod.
"Near Thee may it e'er nestle;
'Tis Thine, O Baby God."

His kingdom's cares now call him.
He bows to the hidden Child.
Like kings of old, he's happy—
The Babe on him has smiled.

—Fr. Arthur Tonne, O.F.M.

How To Make It A Happy New Year

With Christmas here again and the old year fading into the dim and shadowy past, one begins to reflect and to see that there were many things that could have been done better. The yellowed pages of the book of life are here and there spattered with thoughts and deeds that in the grasping for happiness left us dissatisfied and weary where as we look we realize that with but little effort in the right way we might have found this essential thing in life.

Now with the Christmas festivities over and the ever familiar greeting "A Happy New Year" ringing out on the frosty air, we are reminded that another chapter has been opened by the hand of Time. Will this new chapter be able to tell a happier tale than the preceding one?

Into its pages may be written lines of the faithful devotions to God and the church of unstinting service to those in the home circles, of sunshine and of happiness spread into the lines of friends and associates, and of greater fidelity in our daily tasks. Thus can the year 1932 be made a banner year. And when in June we are assembled in the Sodality Hall to bid farewell to classmates, teachers and good old Holy Family, we shall part with the consciousness that in spreading happiness into the lives of others we ourselves were made the happier.

—Ruth Rea.

A PRAYER

Dear Holy Ghost, our loving Host,
O prompt this prayer to bring
Each thotless heart to bear its part
Toward welcoming our King!

O'er hill and plain make this refrain
Reform those heartless men,
Who, weal forgot; still thank Thee not
For seeking souls to win.

Sleeping are the midnight hills
Near blessed Bethlehem;
Faithful watchers guard the folds
The Lord hath given them;
Heaven's pure eyes twinkle,
While old Earth's no longer shine;
Kingly strife now slumbers,
Dreaming not of the divine.

Hark! Angels bright dispel the night
And Heaven's voices sing:
"All peace to you, whose hearts are true,
Give glory to your King!"

"Invite the Child and Virgin mild,
Excluded from the inn,
To make your hearts their favored parts
And keep them free from sin!

"Sing the name of Jesus in
To ev'ry memory:
Point a mental picture of
His graces, vividly:
Picture Mary near Him,
And give place to Joseph dear:
E'er prolong the harmony
They want the world to hear!"

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RESOLUTIONS for HEAVEN AND HOME

Catholics naturally connect the coming of the New Year with the practice of their religion. From the consideration of Our Lord's love and goodness in coming to live on earth among mankind, from the realization of His choosing to come among us as a helpless babe born in the stable at Bethlehem, we pass naturally to the thought that we are just ending another year of our life, a year that might have been so rich in work for Him; to the thought that we are just beginning another year now, and that it depends upon us whether we shall make use of it for God, for the world, for ourselves.

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Safe to say that most of us will go on in very much the same fashion as of old. Those practiced in trying to be good are not likely to fall away from the service of God. The casual will probably go their usual gait. They will have their alternations of occasional piety with descents into a lazy indifference about translating their faith into acton. Yet none of us, I think, will remain absolutely stationary. We shall either have progressed in the service of God or we shall realize a year hence that we are less good Catholics than we were a year ago, even if it is no more than a matter of little things like faithfulness to our morning and evening prayers, perseverance in doing our bit to make our home really a happy, peaceful, affectionate Catholic home.

For most of us thoughts like these are apt to give rise to a crop of New Year good resolutions. What a painful lack of originality there is about those resolutions! It says much for the weakness of human nature that most of us go on making the same good resolutions year after year all our lives. Those firm resolutions to get up at a fixed time, to curb a quick temper, to refuse to indulge a sulky one, to take time for some Catholic reading every day, to control a gossiping (perhaps even a rather malicious and backbiting) tongue, and really to persevere this time! Don't let us be too severe on ourselves and on others. If "hell is paved with good intentions," a ladder to heaven can be made of them, too, even if many of the rungs break and have to be constantly renewed.

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When Catholics live together, a first good resolution should certainly be to have a real charity toward each other in the house, making it into a peaceful, rest-giving home, a shelter from the material, grasping world outside. Most families are composed of widely different personalities: it is only by a real friendliness of mind, rather than by a sort of hard-mouthed endurance, that these varying temperaments can hope to live at peace with each other. Indolent natures and energetic ones, "book-sh" people and the lively ones are not all going to fit smoothly under the same roof unless definite pains are taken so that they do not get on one another's nerves.

It is marvelous how widely even parents, brothers and sisters vary in temperament and tastes.

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One New Year resolution: Let us make good use of the opportunities for good Catholic reading which are thrust upon us now from all sides. In these days of unbelief and of much writing in support of unbelief, Catholics owe it to their religion to avail themselves of the interesting easily understood Catholic reading material that is so readily obtainable everywhere. It can be safely said that there is no serious "question of the day" that is not studied, criticized and most helpfully dealt with in the Catholic press. We should give some time to familiarizing ourselves with the Catholic point of view.

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Nearly everyone hastily scans the daily papers and in a vague, scratchy way has a shallow knowledge of the different religious "happenings" in the world at large. If we read the casual man-in-the-street newspaper ideas on subjects of faith and morals, it is only fair to ourselves and to our soul's health to read again what Catholics should know about these things from a Catholic source. There is a wealth of interesting reading in our Catholic papers and magazines. A first-rate resolution will be to determine to avail ourselves of it.—Ex.

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THE LITTLE FLOWER AND THE NEW YEAR

The Little Flower

It is not hard to imagine how the Little Flower would lead us to greet the New Year. She would have us follow her example as the best preparation for the fulfilment of the wish that will be on the lips of our friends in a few short days—and what is that example? We can see St. Therese each year as the old year was dying, taking a glance at the days that were gone forever. And what would she see? Two things—first, she would see the generosity and the prodigality with which God had scattered His gifts and His grace during the year just passed. She would count her Masses and her communions—her helps in the moment of trial and affliction and temptation. She would live in memory again the joys, yes, and the sorrows that the year had brought, the successes and the failures that had followed her endeavors. But above all she would see the goodness and love of God—His mercy—for His mercy is above all His works. Can we wonder that her heart would be thrilled and that her tongue would give words to her thanksgiving with Te Deums and Benedicites?

But there was another side to the shield! What had she done? Her failures, her little faults and imperfections,—she had her faults and her failings, for she was human—and as she saw what the good God had done for her and what she had given in return, the words of David were made her own and she pleaded her Miserere and won from God a forgetting and a forgiveness for all in which she had erred.

Aye! but the future—for that there was no fear, no discouragement—and why? Again the words of the Psalmist were hers: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." She was His lamb and she knew how He loved her and would guide her faltering footsteps and He did!

And now for ourselves! Do we really wish that the year of 1932 be for us an Annus Domini—a year of the Lord? Then as the year 1931 is dying let us, following in the footsteps of our Little Patroness pause for a moment and see all that God has given us during this year and we would be hard-hearted indeed if in gratitude we do not lift our hearts to Him in Te Deums and Benedicites—for our sins and imperfectjons we, too, have the Miserere to move the Heart of Our Heavenly Father. For the year about to come we also have the Good Shepherd to lead us into green pastures beside brooks of running waters "where we will obtain the help that we may need," when the scorching sun of temptation would burn into our souls the only things that can rob us of our happiness—sin, that is a betrayal of God and of ourselves.

Three things, then, spell our happiness for the coming year—gratitude, sorrow, courage—each and all are ours if we want them—and with these comes happiness.—Ex.

A Solemn Thought

To a follower of Christ the New Year comes with a sacredness that quite awes him. It moves him to take thought with himself about the journey he has been making; how much of it has been walked with Christ on the plain, straight way, and how much in the devious paths where he did not serve God and where the grace of God did not accompany him. It is a reproachful thought, but a salutary one. And if a man is in earnest in regard to the welfare of his soul, such a meditation, momentary as it may be, is sure to start him off on a fresh journey and with a determination to seek first the kingdom of God.

The New Year brings with it a certain grace. It dins into a man's ears the warning that with him this year may be his last, that already he has turned the corner of the street that leads to eternity and to judgment. A solemn thought is this, perhaps gloomy; but after all, the verities of life, the verities of the soul are more solemn than the most serious-minded of us can imagine. If we bring some of this solemnity into our consideration of the New Year, the day is bound to be happy, even if the world seems to frown upon us.—Ex.

THE PRAYERS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN SAY

The prayers the little children say
No toiling angel brings,
They pass right through the shining ray
That searches selfish things.

They are so little that they slip
Between the guarding wings:
God says, "Hush, and give them way,"
The prayers the little children say.

—Exchange.

Gifts

By Rose Terry Cooke

What shall I give to Thee, O Lord?
The kings that came of old
Laid softly on Thy cradle rude
Their myrrh, and gems, and gold.
The martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood,
Their ashes strewed Thy way;
They spurned their lives as dreams and dust,
To speed the coming day.
Thou knowest of sweet and precious things
My store is scant and small;
Yet wert Thou here in want and woe,
Lord, I would give Thee all.
Show me Thyself in flesh once more,
Thy feast I long to spread;
To bring the water for Thy feet,
The ointment for Thy head.
There came a voice from heavenly heights;
"Unclose thine eyes and see,
Gifts to the least of those I love
Thou givest unto Me."

THE CHERUB FOLK

In highest Heaven, at Mary's knee,
The Cherubs sit with folded wings,
And beg her by St. Charity
To tell them tales of human things.
They throw their harps down on the floor,
And all their heavenly playthings leave,
And clamour to be told once more
The faerie tale of faulty Eve.
Up into Mary's lap they climb
To hear how on a place called Earth
Once, in a wondrous thing called Time,
The Uncreated One had birth.
And she to whom a Son was given,
Plays there her Mother part to them
And tells the Cherub-folk in Heaven
The wonder tale of Bethlehem.

—Enid Dennis.

Good-Bye

At the ending of the year our thoughts must turn back. We must linger one moment in mournful meditation to gaze upon it before we bid it forever Good-Bye. But before the ebbing tide of this old year has mingled its faint and falling waters with the ocean of the past, while the beloved memories that were sweet, and the sad memories that were sacred, crowd around us in tender appeal, while the faces of friends that are distant or dead look upon us once more from dim horizons, while in the eyes of friends that are near there is a shadow of waning light, while in each tone that marks the passing time and dooms to death each new-born instant there is the heralding of eternity, our heart must ask if all that was nobly dear in the past is, indeed, and forever lost, or if there cannot be a hope that the sorrows and trials and joys that are gone shall yet come back to us in the hallowed harvest of a divine resurrection; whether the stern duty of being about the things that are our Father's must mean the ruthless and irrevocable rending of all human ties, or if the true children of our Father may not hereafter meet again in life and love within some one of our Father's mansions, whether "good-bye" must mean not merely the darkening of our home; but also the deadening of our heart, or if we may not trust that our human-hearted God will in His own Divine Day, give to the friends whom He has blessed upon earth one home, one heart, one heaven.

—Rev. Robert Kane, S. J.

It is not enough to forbid our own tongue to murmur; we must also refuse to listen to murmurs.—Ven. Louis de Granada.

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Basilica Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all parts of Mexico flocked to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on the outskirts of Mexico City, for the celebration, held from December 1 to 12, to mark the fourth centenary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This picture shows but a portion of the huge throng gathered outside the Basilica on December 12th, awaiting an opportunity to enter the church. Thousands of pilgrims were at the Basilica long before dawn, and large groups of Indians from the interior of Mexico spent the night near the Basilica that they might be among the first to take part in the day's celebrations.

New President of Gonzaga College

The Rev. Pius L. Moore, S. J., left, former Vice-President of the University of San Francisco, who has been named President of Gonzaga College, the institution of higher learning opened in Shanghai, China, by the American Jesuits of the Province of California. The Rev. John A. Lennon, S. J., right, former Vice-President of the University of Santa Clara, is a member of the faculty of the new college.

Macaroni Lines

In America we have our "bread lines." In China they have their macaroni lines, conducted by missionaries who are now faced with the problem of feeding thousands of victims of the famine.

Guards Premier

Arturo Bochini is one man Premier Mussolini obeys. He is chief of Italy's secret service and police and upon him rests the responsibility of keeping the Premier safe.

Must Wear It

The strange terms of her father's will compel Signorina Almirante to spend one week of each year garbed practically as a nun. She spends her time while dressed thus at her father's old country home.

STRANGE BUT TRUE CATHOLIC FACTS BUT LITTLE KNOWN

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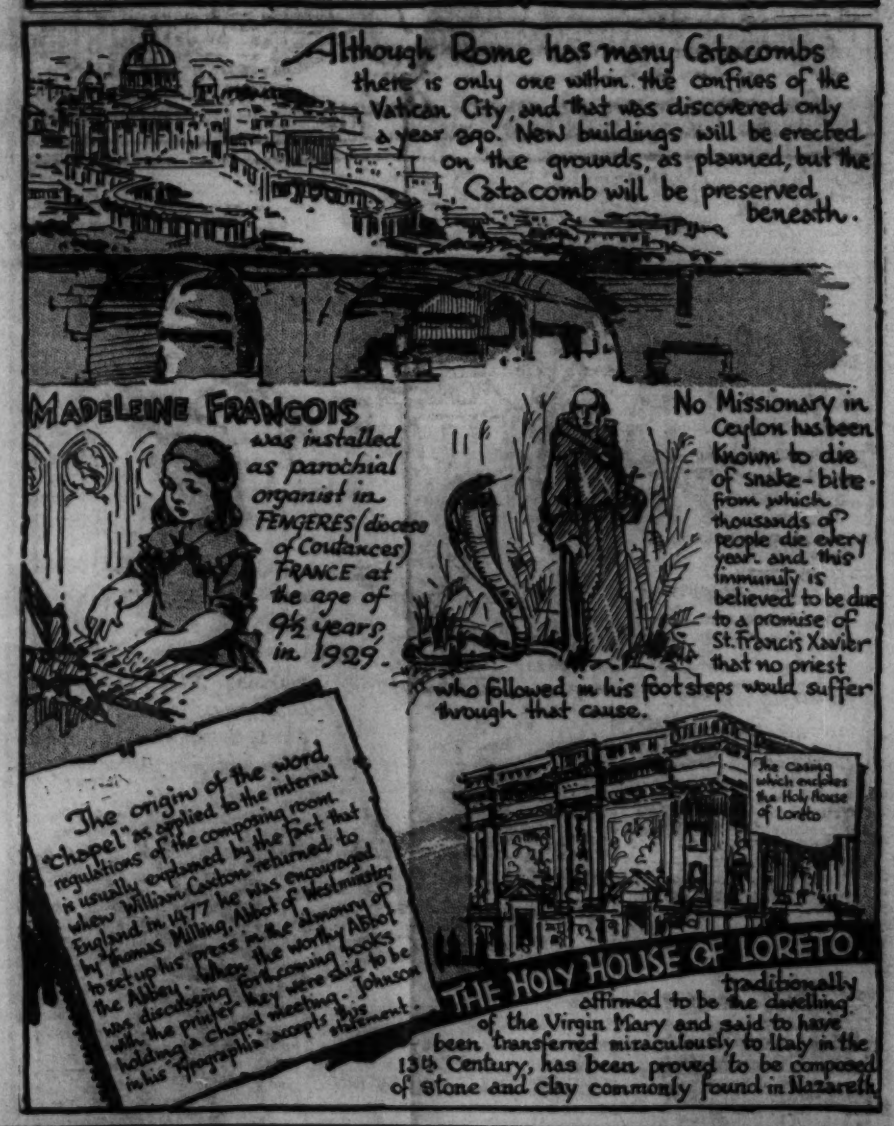

ATLANTA—Good old Joel Chandler Harris, known to millions as "Uncle Remus," has been dead for more than twenty years, but his name appears immortal. Appearance of a new book about him by his daughter-in-law, Julia Collier Harris, has revived interest in Georgia's genial journalist and there is reported to be a great demand for his "Br'er Rabbit" stories. With Howell and Grady he ranks as one of Georgia's literary geniuses.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS

SOME CLASS

"What class of people live the longest?"

"Centenarians, I believe."

BERLIN—Germany faces a winter full of anxiety. Were it not for the velvet hand but iron will of Heinrich Bruening, who has shown himself master of many difficult situations, the nation would seem to be on the threshold of disaster. But with Bruening helping to run the ship of state there is a note of optimism. Bruening is intelligent, capable and firm. Hitler is reported to have made gestures inviting Vatican approval but Hitlerism and Communism, so eminent statesmen declare, are Germany's most dangerous foes. As long as Bruening is around to fight them the republic feels safe.

HEINRICH BRUENING

LONDON—Not in many moons has a book aroused the interest in literary and political circles that a new biography of King Albert of Belgium has aroused. Heretofore the popular ruler was pictured as a great humanitarian. In this book he is shown to have been an exceedingly capable army tactician, a general who knew the limitations of his forces, who knew how and when to advance and where to retreat. With a king of weaker timber in command the result of the war might have been different.

KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

Woman's intuition isn't so impressive when she is deciding which way to turn in traffic.

Very Informal

Ceremony and formal dress is disposed with when Father Lang, M. S. C., a missionary among the islanders of Papua, Oceania, gives a cannibal chief who asks for more missionaries. There are 17,000 Catholics in Papua and in one year there were 1,000 adult baptisms and almost as many infant baptisms.

Ready For Festival

Americans don't have to cross the ocean to Africa to see strange Catholics. In Guatemala these Indians are all dressed up for the festival of one of their favorite saints.

Observes Anniversary

The Most Rev. Anthony J. Schuler, S. J., Bishop of El Paso, Texas, who recently observed the forty-fifth anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus. The Bishop has been a priest for more than thirty years and has been Bishop of El Paso since 1915.

Crack Shot

BABE RUTH

Babe Ruth proves he is a c rifle shot by bagging a dee one of the first days of his h ing expedition into North C lina.